

**Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council
Board Meeting
Ramada Plaza Hotel
Minneapolis, MN
August 23, 2017**

Minutes

Members Present: Kevin Buss, Debi Clasemann, Jim Dose, Paul Fritsche, Dan Grunhvd, Margaret Johnson, Karen Kasper, Keith Knutson, Charles Krause, Barb Liebenstein, Corrine Lieser, John Merdan, Doug Popp, Peter Ripka, Dave Schwartz, Kathy Skiba, Kristine Spadgenske, Chris Sukalski, Suzanne Vold, Tom Walsh

Members Absent: Ken Herbranson, Rita Young

Ex-Officio Members Present: deb Vander Kooi

Others Present: Midwest Dairy: Louise Gallagher, Eir GarciaSilva, Brenda Goldman, Bob Lefebvre, Lucas Lentsch, Wendy Meck, Shannon Seifert, Trudy Wastweet; Midwest Dairy Corporate Board Chair: Allen Merrill; Minnesota Department of Agriculture: Paul Hugunin, Director of Ag Marketing and Development

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Kathy Skiba.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Doug Popp.

4. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Debi Clasemann and she announced the presence of a quorum.

5. Agenda

Peter Ripka moved, Corrine Lieser seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

6. Minutes

Paul Fritsche moved, Keith Knutson seconded to approve the MDPC minutes of June 23, 2017. Motion Carried.

7. Reports

MDPC Financial Statement

Wendy Meck reviewed the MDPC financial statement.

Kevin Buss moved, Karen Kasper seconded to approve the Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council financial statement of June 30, 2017. Motion Carried.

2018 MDPC Election Update

Jim Dose and John Merdan notified the board that they are retiring, and do not intend to run in the upcoming election.

Minnesota Department of Ag Report

Paul Hugunin, Director of Ag Marketing and Development, provided a report on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's activities.

Unfinished/New Business

USDEC

The MDPC Board is interested in using reserves to help fund the USDEC Strategic Initiative.

Action Item: Staff to bring more information to the November MDPC Board meeting.

8. Adjourn

Corrine Lieser moved, Keith Knutson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Debi Clasemann
Secretary



Kathy Skiba
Chair