

**Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council  
Virtual Board Meeting  
May 13, 2020  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Mindi Arendt, Kevin Buss, Debi Clasemann, Dan Grunhovd, Megan Herberg, Ken Herbranson, Margaret Johnson, Karen Kasper, Charles Krause, Sarah Kuechle, Barb Liebenstein, Kate McAndrews, Doug Popp, Jane Remiger, Dave Schwartz, Kathy Skiba, Eric Sonnek, Kristine Spadgenske, Suzanne Vold, Rita Young

**Members Absent:** Keith Knutson

**New Board Nominees Present:** Eric Hoese, Megan Landkammer, Jeff Pagel

**New Board Nominees Absent:** None

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** deb Vander Kooi

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Midwest Dairy staff: Stacey Bergherr, Jenna Davis, Brenda Goldman, Deb Hoffrogge, Bob Lefebvre, Wendy Meck, Molly Pelzer, Theresa Reps, Kathy Schneider-Grace, Taylre Stumpf, Lina Yang, Melissa Young; MN Dept. of Agriculture: Christina Iliev; Former Board Member: Chris Sukalski

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by Chair Kathy Skiba.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kathy Skiba provided the invocation.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Kristine Spadgenske, and she announced the presence of a quorum.

**4. Agenda**

**Eric Sonnek moved, Suzanne Vold seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a time to recognize outgoing board members. Motion Carried.**

**5. Minutes**

**Kevin Buss moved, Doug Popp seconded to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019. Motion Carried.**

**6. 2019 Audit Report**

Wendy Meck reviewed the 2019 Audit Report.

**Dave Schwartz moved, Sarah Kuechle seconded to approve the Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council 2019 Audit Report as presented. Motion Carried.**

**7. Board Reorganization**

**Introduction of New Board Members**

Kathy Skiba asked the new Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council Board members to introduce themselves.

- Eric Hoese, District 13
- Megan Landkammer, District 5

- Jeff Pagel, District 20

### **Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**

Kathy Skiba and Barb Liebenstein provided short remarks to the outgoing board members, thanking them for their service.

### **Seat Board Nominees**

**Debi Clasemann moved, Doug Popp seconded to seat the elected directors from odd-numbered districts. Motion Carried.**

### **Election Procedures Review**

Brenda Goldman reviewed the virtual election procedures.

**Eric Sonnek moved, Rita Young seconded to conducting elections virtually. Motion Carried.**

### **Board Reorganization**

In accordance with Midwest Dairy's election procedures, the board was reorganized.

**Dave Schwartz moved, Doug Popp seconded to elect the following as officers to the Minnesota Dairy Promotion Council Board:**

**Chair: Charles Krause  
Vice Chair: Rita Young  
Secretary: Karen Kasper  
Treasurer: Margaret Johnson  
Executive Committee Member At-Large: Sarah Kuechle**

**Motion Carried.**

### **Destroy Ballots**

**Dave Schwartz moved, Doug Popp seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion Carried.**

## **8. Reports**

### **Redistricting Committee Update**

Kathy Skiba and Barb Liebenstein provided an update on the Redistricting Committee activities. They are reviewing options to reduce the amount of board members to 18, and the committee will be meeting via virtual meeting in late May/early June.

*Action Item: Stacey Bergherr to include an updated board grid when the minutes are sent to the board.*

## **9. Adjourn**

**Kathy Skiba declared the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Spadgenske  
Secretary

Kathy Skiba  
Chair