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**BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
MINUTES**

July 22, 2021

The Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Board) met in the DATCP Boardroom, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718 and via videoconference on **July 22, 2021**. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

Call to Order

Board Chair Miranda Leis called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Members Present

Miranda Leis, Paul Bauer, Andy Diercks, Patty Edelburg, Dr. Clare Hintz, Doug Rebut, Dan Smith, and Carla Washington.

Not Present: Paul Palmby

Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Dan Smith and seconded by Andy Diercks to approve the May 13, 2021 DATCP Board minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Appearances

No public appearances.

**Kevin Carr, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Corrections**

Secretary Randy Romanski introduced the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Kevin Carr to the Board. The DOC's mission is to protect the public, our staff and those in charge; provide opportunities for positive change and success; promote, inform and educate others about our programs and success; and to partner and collaborate with community service providers and other criminal justice entities. To connect the dots with agriculture, the DOC's Bureau of Correctional Enterprises (BCE) helps persons make positive changes necessary to be successful upon reentry, which allows these people's efforts to improve our state by attaining valuable work skills, connecting with employers, and identifying valuable community resources. The BCE is comprised of four operational areas: agriculture, industries, logistics and transition. The workers have an opportunity to participate in DOC's Oregon Farm that consists of approximately 530 acres of alfalfa, corn, soybeans and wheat. These crops primarily feed their Holstein dairy herd. At the farm the staff members train and supervise 21 workers in custody at Oakhill Correctional Institution.

**VE 1-11 – Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Animal Health**

Dr. Darlene Konkle, Division Administrator and Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst from the Division of Animal Health presented the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code chs. VE 1-11, to the Board. Ms. Fisher gave a brief overview and requested the Board approve the Hearing Draft Rule.

Motion

A motion was made by Patty Edelburg and seconded by Paul Bauer to approve the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code chs. VE 1-11. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 16 – Dog Sellers
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Animal Health**

Dr. Darlene Konkle, Division Administrator and Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst from the Division of Animal Health presented the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 16, to the Board. Ms. Fisher gave a brief overview and requested the Board approve the Hearing Draft Rule.

Motion

A motion was made by Clare Hintz and seconded by Doug Rebout to approve the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 16. Motion was approved unanimously

**ATCP 149 – Potato Industry
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Agricultural Development**

Krista Knigge, Division Administrator and Sharon Henes, Program Policy Analyst from the Division of Agricultural Development presented the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 149, to the Board. Ms. Henes gave a brief overview and requested the Board approve the Hearing Draft Rule.

Motion

A motion was made by Andy Diercks and seconded by Patty Edelburg to approve the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 149. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 160 – Fair Organizations
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Agricultural Development**

Krista Knigge, Division Administrator and Sharon Henes, Program Policy Analyst from the Division of Agricultural Development presented the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch.

ATCP 160, to the Board. Ms. Henes gave a brief overview and requested the Board approve the Hearing Draft Rule.

Motion

A motion was made by Doug Rebout and seconded by Paul Bauer to approve the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 160. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 94 – Petroleum and Other Liquid Fuel Products
Statement of Scope
Division of Trade and Consumer Protection**

David Woldseth, Program Policy Analyst and Alicia Clark, Technical Expert for the Bureau of Weights and Measures from the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection presented the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 94, to the Board. Mr. Woldseth gave a brief overview and requested the Board approve the Statement of Scope.

Motion

A motion was made by Doug Rebout and seconded by Clare Hintz to approve the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 94. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Budget Update
Office of the Secretary**

Bradford Steine, Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary, and Jason Gherke, Financial Director for the Division of Management Services, presented a Budget update to the Board. With the Governor signing the budget a few weeks ago a number of changes were made to the Department's operating budget and FTE count over the next biennium. Our annual budget in fiscal year 2022 will be around \$110 million which is a \$4 million dollar increase.

FTE changes for fiscal 2022:

- Our FTE count will be 633.29, which is a 3 FTE increase.
- Staffing changes: new positions were added to the lab (1), VEB support (1), project positions to DFRS meat inspection program (4), and three project positions were removed from the Hemp Program.

Program changes for fiscal 2022:

- One time funding of \$100,000 was received for the farmer mental health program.
- A meat processor grant program was created, but currently there is no funding provided to us. We will be requesting funding through JFC.
- One time funding of \$400,000 was received for the dairy processor grant.
- DATCP was directed to transfer \$450,000 from the Vet Examining Board to the dog seller's appropriation.
- A statutory cap of \$1 million was put in place for the producer led watershed program, our current funding is \$750,000.

- The county conservation staffing grant received an additional \$4.3 million in funding over the next biennium.
- The Department received \$7 million in bond authority over the next biennium.

Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Survey Update

Greg Bussler

Greg Bussler, State Statistician from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service presented his July 22, 2021 agricultural statistics report on: 2021 Crop Planting June Acreage, Milk Production, May Prices Received, Maple Syrup Production, Winter Wheat, Crop Progress as of July 4, 2021, Chicken and Eggs, Farm Labor, August Crop Production Report and the upcoming NASS Surveys in Fall 2021, to the Board. See Mr. Bussler's report which is included in the Board meeting packet for more specific details.

Office of the Secretary Report

Secretary Randy Romanski presented a Secretary's Office update to the Board on: the budget process and outcome, hemp program budget and future, meat processing grants, meat inspector positions, travel to the Meat Lab on UW Madison Campus and Farm Technology Days, connecting the dots with WisDOT on freight and transport issues, Port of Milwaukee improvement panel, Freight Advisory Committee update on moving Wisconsin products, appreciation awards DATCP received from the Wisconsin Pork Association and FFA, an appreciation for Miranda, Paul and Dan for serving on the Agricultural Workforce Development Council, and the Department's partnership with Veteran Affairs.

Board Member Updates

The following DATCP Board members commented on industry, business, training and personal agricultural issues that arose since the last Board meeting: Miranda Leis, Paul Bauer, Andy Diercks, Patty Edelburg, Dr. Clare Hintz, Doug Rebout, Dan Smith, and Carla Washington.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items discussed.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion to adjourn was made by Patty Edelburg and seconded by Andy Diercks. Motion approved unanimously. The Board adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.