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**WISCONSIN DAIRY TASK FORCE 2.0
SUB-COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL SUCCESSION AND TRANSITION
MINUTES**

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February 28, 2019

The Generational Succession and Transition sub-committee of the Wisconsin Dairy Task Force 2.0 met on Thursday, February 28, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m. via teleconference, based at DATCP, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708 in Room 456.

Call to Order

Chair Dave Daniels called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members Present

Members present included: Melissa Haag, Dave Daniels, Ryan Klussendorf, and Charles Untz. Joy Kirkpatrick of the Center for Dairy Profitability at UW-Madison was also present. Dairy Task Force 2.0 Chair Mark Stephenson and DATCP staff Ashley Andre also attended.

Dan Pearson was not able to attend.

Minutes

Approve minutes of last meeting

Chair Daniels asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Klussendorf made a motion. Charles Untz seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consider recommendations

Chair Daniels explained that we received the revised recommendations from Chair Mark Stephenson, and we will now look at each one.

He asked Joy Kirkpatrick and Melissa Haag to give an overview of recommendation #21, continuing the Governor's Dairy Scholarship, reinstating a portion of the Grow Wisconsin Dairy, and providing a financial assistance grant to producers participating in sponsorship of a Registered Apprenticeship Program.

Ms. Haag noted one edit to this sentence "Family farms *are in need of...*" Chair Stephenson made one edit to "allow *flexibility* for use of farms..."

Mr. Untz made a motion to bring the recommendation to the full Task Force 2.0. Ms. Haag seconded. Approved unanimously.

Chair Daniels introduced recommendation #22 on the Beginning farmer and farm asset owner tax credit eligibility. Two edits were made by the group. To add a sentence in the problem statement, “The tax credit was terminated in 2013.” Also, to add another recommended solution, “Reinstate the 2009 Wisconsin Statutes 93.53 — *Beginning farmer and farm asset owner tax credit with these changes:*”

Ms. Haag made a motion to move the recommendation on to the full Task Force 2.0. Mr. Klussendorf seconded. Approved unanimously.

Chair Daniels introduced recommendation #23 for succession facilitators. He noted that specific dollars were not determined. Ms. Haag asked if we covered what was also discussed in the Dairy and Rural Community Vitality sub-committee about resources for this type of work. Ashley Andre thought that we did. Chair Stephenson noted that it is not prescriptive but explains where we think the greatest need is.

Chair Daniels asked if we should note the Dairy Innovation Hub as a possible funding source. Chair Stephenson thought this made sense. Because of that, this sentence was updated: “Such a centralized board may also seek funding support from USDA, other granting agencies, *or the recommended Dairy Innovation Hub* to hire additional facilitators.”

Mr. Klussendorf moved to advance the recommendation to the full Task Force 2.0. Mr. Untz seconded. The group approved unanimously.

Chair Daniels introduced recommendation #28 about Department of Workforce Development services. Mr. Untz noted that during his research, it confirmed the policy is unclear about how farmers can access resources. He asked if this recommendation was appropriate for this sub-committee to move forward. Ms. Andre believes it is, because it is about transition from farming to another career. Mr. Daniels agreed. Mr. Untz moved to approve. Mr. Klussendorf seconded. It was approved unanimously to advance to the full Task Force 2.0.

Identify next steps

Chair Daniels asked for any other recommendations or discussion. Mr. Untz asked about next steps. Chair Stephenson confirmed that we will circulate all the recommendations prior to the March 15 meeting. There will be limited discussion on each one before voting.

Chair Daniels asked if one recommendation does not have full support at the full Task Force 2.0 meeting, can we redraft that day. Chair Stephenson explained that we would not redraft that day, but it is something the sub-committee could consider doing another day when we consider next steps.

Chair Stephenson noted his appreciation for the members’ work.

Adjournment

The sub-committee adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Minutes drafted by Ashley Andre.

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