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**WISCONSIN DAIRY TASK FORCE 2.0
SUB-COMMITTEE ON PRICE VOLATILITY AND PROFITABILITY
MINUTES**

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March 8, 2019

The Price Volatility and Profitability sub-committee of the Wisconsin Dairy Task Force 2.0 met on Friday, March 8, 2019 beginning at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference, based at DATCP, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708 in Room 456.

Call to Order

Chair Mike DeLong called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present

Members present included: Ryan Klussendorf, Darin Von Ruden, Tom Crosby, Don Hamm, Rene Johnson, and Mike DeLong. Kevin Bernhardt, the sub-committee's resource person, was also present. Dairy Task Force 2.0 Chair Mark Stephenson and DATCP staff Ashley Andre also attended.

Dan Pearson was unable to attend.

Dick Blysmas of the National Farmers Organization listened as a member of the public but did not make comments.

Minutes

Approve minutes of last meeting

Chair DeLong asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Klussendorf made a motion. Rene Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consider recommendations

Chair DeLong reviewed our goal to review four recommendations and make a decision if they should move forward to the full Dairy Task Force 2.0 next week.

Chair DeLong introduced recommendation #49, implementation of California fluid milk standards. Mr. Klussendorf thought that Chair Stephenson did a good job and had no additions. Mr. Klussendorf made a motion to move the recommendation forward. Mr. Crosby seconded. The group approved the motion.

Chair DeLong introduced recommendation #50, support H.R. 832, Whole Milk for 4 Healthy Kids Act of 2019. Chair Stephenson shared that the recommendation shows the group's support of this legislation. Ms. Johnson made a motion to move the recommendation forward. Mr. Von Ruden seconded. The group approved the motion.

Chair DeLong introduced recommendation #51, support mandatory pooling. Chair Stephenson explained that the recommendation signals that everyone should pay a minimum price. California has requested this, but it hasn't been done anywhere yet. Mr. Klussendorf made a motion to move this recommendation forward. Mr. Hamm seconded. The motion passed.

Chair DeLong introduced recommendation #52, support the NFO proposal. Mr. Crosby noted that he thought Chair Stephenson did a good job with the revisions. He offered that Dick Blysmas was on the call if anyone had questions. Chair Stephenson mentioned that he added a few more details from the proposal about the mechanisms for how the program works.

Mr. Von Ruden made a motion to move this recommendation forward. Mr. Klussendorf seconded. The motion passed.

Identify next steps

Mr. Crosby asked about the meeting on March 15 and how the group would work through 50 recommendations. Chair Stephenson noted that we will have a set amount of time available for each recommendation. There will be an opportunity for brief presentations and questions; likely six minutes per recommendation. The group will then vote. People will receive the recommendations ahead of time so they can take time to read and understand them.

Adjournment

Mr. Crosby made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Von Ruden seconded the motion.

The sub-committee adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Minutes drafted by Ashley Andre.