

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

**May 11, 2023**

The Board of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (Board) toured the Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery at **9:00 a.m.**, 3001 County Road B, Menomonie, WI.

The Board held its official business meeting at **12:00 p.m.**, at the Chippewa Valley Technical College Menomonie Campus, Room 113-115, 403 Technology Drive East, Menomonie, WI and via zoom. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. §19.84.

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Doug Rebout called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and welcomed the new Board members, Tina Hinchley and Cindy Brown.

**Members Present**

Paul Bauer, Cindy Brown, Tina Hinchley, Dr. Clare Hintz, Miranda Leis, Paul Palmby, Doug Rebout, Dan Smith, and Carla Washington.

**Minutes**

**Motion**

A motion was made by Paul Bauer and seconded by Miranda Leis to approve the March 2, 2023, Board minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Chippewa Valley Technical College  
Welcome**

Dan Lytle, Menomonie Campus Business Development and Campus Manager welcomed the Board to the Chippewa Valley Technical College.

**Meat Talent Development Program Update**

Betsy Leonard, Education Director from the Wisconsin Technical College System presented an update to the Board on the Meat Talent Development Program (MTDP). The MTDP received \$5 million in ARPA funding and are using that funding to attract students to meat careers, provide financial support, support the development of the program, and to connect the meat processing industry with future employees. Currently this program is offered at 7 technical colleges in Wisconsin where the students can earn local certificates, technical diplomas, and gain workforce development. There is also a dual credit opportunity for high school students in this program.

**Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council**

Ashley Andre, Policy Initiative Advisor, from the Secretary's Office introduced the 2022-2023 Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council (AYC) to the Board. The AYC is comprised of Wisconsin high school seniors

that serve on the council for one year. At the Board meeting the AYC members introduced themselves, discussed their final reflections, and shared future plans.

The 2022-2023 AYC members are:

- Morgan Baerwolf, Sun Prairie
- Rachel Boehlke, Thorp
- Brandon Boyd, Watertown
- Ava Endres, Waunakee
- Claire Esselman, Clinton
- Arionna Harris, Milwaukee
- Jacob Harbaugh, Marion
- Natalie Hensen, Waunakee
- Henry Koerner, Walworth
- Henry Larson, Reedsburg
- Ethan Lulich, Lyndon Station
- Brianna Meyer, Chilton
- Alyssa Schauer, Mukwonago
- Talena Sprecher, Lone Rock
- Jescey Thompson, Galesville

### **Public Appearances**

The following made public appearances in front of the Board today:

Laurie Seale regarding CWD

#### **ATCP 21, 29, 35 Obsolete Language Division of Agricultural Resource Management Final Rule**

Robby Personette, Bureau Director from the Division of Agricultural Resource Management requested approval of the Final Rule for Wis. Admin. Code chs. ATCP 21, 29, 35 from the Board.

#### **Motion**

A motion was made by Miranda Leis and seconded by Paul Bauer to approve the Final Rule for Wis. Admin. Code chs. ATCP 21, 29, 35. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **ATCP 93 Flammable Combustible Hazardous Liquid Division of Trade and Consumer Protection Statement of Scope**

David Woldseth, Program and Policy Analyst from the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection requested approval of the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 93 from the Board.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Paul Palmby and seconded by Clare Hintz to approve the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 93. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 72 Hotels, Motels and Tourist Rooming Houses  
Division of Food and Recreational Safety  
Statement of Scope**

Andrea Northwood, Program and Policy Analyst, from the Division of Food and Recreational Safety requested approval of the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 72, from the Board.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Paul Palmby and seconded by Clare Hintz to approve the Statement of Scope for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 72. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 57 Inedible Meat By-Products  
Division of Food and Recreational Safety  
Final Rule**

Andrea Northwood, Program and Policy Analyst, from the Division of Food and Recreational Safety requested approval of the Final Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 57, from the Board.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Miranda Leis and seconded by Paul Palmby to approve the Final Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 57. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ATCP 50 Soil and Water Resource Management Program  
Division of Agricultural Resource Management  
Preliminary Hearing Rule Draft**

Tim Anderson, Bureau Director, and Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison, from the Division of Agricultural Management requested approval of the Preliminary Hearing Rule Draft for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 50 from the Board.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Clare Hintz and seconded by Paul Bauer to approve the Preliminary Hearing Rule Draft for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 50. Motion was approved unanimously.

**2023 Biennial Report on Administrative Rules  
Office of the Secretary**

Fratney Miller, General Counsel from the Office of the Secretary presented the Department's 2023 biennial report on administrative rules to the Board.

## **Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Survey Update**

Greg Bussler, State Statistician from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service presented his May 11, 2023 report to the Board on Crop Planting Intentions, Milk Production, Prices Received, Crop Progress as of May 7, 2023, Chickens and Eggs, and upcoming NASS Surveys.

### **Division of Animal Health Overview**

Dr. Darlene Konkle, Division Administrator and State Veterinarian presented a Division of Animal Health overview to the Board. The Division of Animal Health's mission is to safeguard animal health, public health, and animal industries in Wisconsin by utilizing the best available science and public policy. Our Division consists of two Bureaus, the Bureau of Animal Disease Control and the Bureau of Field Services. Our staff works hard to complete disease monitoring, surveillance and response, animal disease traceability, licensing, inspections and investigations, emergency preparedness, and premises registration. Our Division also supports the Veterinary Examining Board and completes Veterinary certifications.

### **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza/Emergency Response Update Division of Animal Health**

Dr. Darlene Konkle, Division Administrator and State Veterinarian from the Division of Animal Health presented a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response update to the Board. Our Division follows emerging and foreign animal disease threats, such as the African Swine Fever, High Path Avian Influenza, Food and Mouth Disease, Japanese Encephalitis, African Horse Sickness, and SARS-CoV-2. Our staff follows the Wisconsin Animal Disease Response protocol which preserves the health and safety of responders and public by immediately quarantining infected premises; notifying surrounding premises and participating in area surveillance; completing initial assessments of inventory, risk factors, and biosecurity; participating in depopulation, disposal, cleaning, and disinfection; and permitting movement of low risk products. Our staff also works closely with USDA APHIS Veterinary Services.

### **Office of the Secretary Report**

Secretary Randy Romanski presented the Office of the Secretary update to the Board on:

- Welcomed the new Board members Cindy Brown and Tina Hinchley, and welcomed back Paul Bauer on his re-appointment to the Board.
- Thanked Patty Edelburg and Andy Diercks for their prior years of service and commitment to the Board.
- Thanked Paul Bauer for hosting the tour today and to Chippewa Valley Technical College for hosting our Board meeting.
- Thanked Board members who attended outreach activities. Doug Rebut at Farmers on the Rock and Carla Washington at Milwaukee Technical College.
- Budget. The Governor has made a consistent effort to invest in agriculture, food production, conservation and workforce training.
- Farmer Mental Health. We are asking for funding in the budget to provide a 24/7 hotline for farmers, podcasts, and mental health vouchers.

- The Nitrogen Optimization Grants have recently been distributed.
- Meat Processing Grants have been announced for 2023.
- The State Senate recently confirmed Randy Romanski's appointment for DATCP Secretary.
- The Ag Youth Council is a fantastic group of students. We now have hired our second Ag Youth Council member at DATCP.
- Alice in Dairyland will be selected this Saturday. There are 6 finalists.
- May 7 – 13 is Public Service Recognition week.

### **Board Member Updates**

The following DATCP Board members commented on industry, business, training and personal agricultural issues that arose since the last Board meeting: Paul Bauer, Cindy Brown, Tina Hinchley, Dr. Clare Hintz, Paul Palmby, Doug Rebout, and Carla Washington.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Secretary-designee Payne from the Department of Natural Resources.

DATCP Employee of the year.

Veterinary School.

State demographics and how they affect the workforce.

### **Adjournment**

#### **Motion**

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Palmby and seconded by Clare Hintz. Motion approved unanimously. The Board adjourned at approximately 3:19 p.m.

All reports and any associated documents presented during a Board meeting can be accessed by contacting the [datcpboard2@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpboard2@wisconsin.gov) or (608) 224-5029.