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**WISCONSIN DAIRY TASK FORCE 2.0
SUB-COMMITTEE ON REGULATORY CERTAINTY MINUTES**

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The Regulatory Certainty sub-committee of the Wisconsin Dairy Task Force 2.0 met on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m. via teleconference, based at DATCP, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708 in Room 456.

Call to Order

Chair David Ward called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Members Present

Members present included: Moriah Brey, Amy Penterman, Bradley Guse, Jerry Schroeder, David Ward, and Steve Bechel. DATCP staff Ashley Andre also attended.

Ted Galloway, Brody Stapel, Shelly Mayer, and Rob Byrne were not able to attend.

Minutes

Approve minutes of last meeting

Chair Ward asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Bradley Guse made a motion. Amy Penterman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consider draft recommendations

Moriah Brey gave an overview of recommendation #34, sustainability messaging. Her current draft includes a summary of her work so far and is open to discussion. Mr. Guse shared that he liked the concept of the app. Ms. Brey clarified for Chair Ward that the app would be developed for producers and be an easy place to access available resources. Other organizations have extensive media resources.

Ms. Penterman shared her support for the consistent message. Mr. Guse sees the applicability to those in the industry, such as an ag banker. Ms. Penterman noted the value to those who are just entering the industry as a resource.

Mr. Guse moved to advance the draft recommendation forward. Ms. Penterman seconded. Ms. Brey will work to edit the draft recommendation. Ashley Andre gave an overview of our current work. Chair Stephenson will take all draft recommendations and make edits for consistent voice and format. At our teleconference next week, we will vote on the final language. Ms. Brey should send revisions to Ashley by the end of the day Friday.

The group unanimously voted to move the draft to the next step.

Chair Ward introduced recommendation #38. Mr. Schroeder clarified that he sees this recommendation as a group since they all pertain to rural transportation and trucking for agriculture. These changes would take legislative action.

Chair Ward noted that he has heard that some legislators would have pushback on some of these ideas. Mr. Schroeder does not know why that would be.

Mr. Schroeder that many milk haulers are forced to operate illegally during the winter months because of the gap in the planting and harvesting season. This is a liability issue. Other states have made the change to be the entire year, but not Wisconsin. Mr. Schroeder clarified for Chair Ward that this change would only apply to agriculture. Propane, for example, has to be done with a Governor designation.

Mr. Schroeder noted that he believes some legislators would be interested in trying to do something about these issues. The Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association has also been working on these issues.

Chair Ward asked if these changes would apply to producers hauling their own milk. It would. Steve Bechel asked if it would apply to those hauling milk between plants. It would not; just from the farm to initial processor.

Mr. Bechel moved to advance the draft recommendation forward to the next step. Ms. Brey seconded. The group approved unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder gave an overview of recommendation #39, occupational licensing reciprocity. He noted an article he said recently in Arizona about the legislature recognizing occupational licenses from other states to encourage skilled people to come to their state to work. Occupational licensing reciprocity is something that has been discussed at the Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association, recognizing Bulk Milk Weighers and Samplers from other states.

Chair Ward asked if truckers need two licenses when working near a state border. Mr. Schroeder shared that yes, he has both a Michigan and Wisconsin Bulk Milk Weighers and Samplers license.

Mr. Bechel noted this would not work for cheesemakers since Wisconsin is the only state to have a license. Mr. Ward also mentioned that we wouldn't want to lose that Wisconsin marketing edge that we are the only state with a licensed cheesemaker. Mr. Schroeder will clarify the recommendation that he suggests reciprocity for only Bulk Milk Weighers and Samplers.

Mr. Guse moved the draft recommendation forward with that change. Mr. Bechel seconded. The group agreed unanimously.

Since Ted Galloway was unable to be on the teleconference, Ms. Andre introduced recommendation #41, support for public and private partnerships. It was developed after the discussion about the benefits of producer led watershed protection grants. Ms. Brey shared her

experience that when speaking with a legislator at an event for Peninsula Pride Farms last week, he noted support for additional funding for these grassroots efforts.

Mr. Ward asked for one edit, from diary to dairy. He agreed that people are more likely to buy into regulations if the private sector is involved from development. Mr. Schroeder moved to advance the recommendation forward. Mr. Bechel seconded. The group agreed unanimously. Mr. Ward noted that if Chair Stephenson has questions about the recommendation, he should contact Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Guse gave an overview of recommendation #47, regulatory certainty and consistency. It was developed after discussion of how when some regulations are put in place, it makes farms less competitive. Could there be a sort of state super fund?

Ms. Brey shared her support for the recommendation. She did note if we should make an edit to include that everyone who has a stake in it, should be represented and have a seat at the table. Mr. Guse will make that edit to ensure that the state level regulatory clearing house membership includes all stakeholders impacted.

Mr. Bechel moved to advance the recommendation. Ms. Brey seconded. Mr. Schroeder asked if the person involved needs to be an individual producer or someone who represents an organization. It could be both. The group unanimously agreed.

Chair Ward gave an overview of recommendation #48, relating to Administrative Rule ATCP 83.02. This change would be done in the rule writing process. Chair Ward has researched other states, and he has not found another with an annual renewal of rBST affidavits. This change would make Wisconsin more consistent with other states.

Mr. Bechel noted that it does a large amount of work to have the affidavits on file annually. Mr. Bechel moved to advance the draft recommendation forward. Ms. Penterman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Set a conference call

The sub-committee chose to have their conference call on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Identify next steps

Ms. Brey will send an updated recommendation #34, sustainability messaging, by the end of the week to Ms. Andre

Adjournment

The sub-committee adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Minutes drafted by Ashley Andre.