

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

November 18, 2021

The Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Board) met in the DATCP Boardroom, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53718 and via zoom on **November 18, 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 9:01 a.m.

Members Present

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

Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Patty Edelburg and seconded by Dan Smith to approve the October 26, 2021 DATCP Board minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Angela Biggs, NRCS State Conservationist

Angela Biggs, NRCS State Conservationist presented a NRCS overview to the Board. NRCS' mission is to deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world. They strive for a world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation. The Farm Bill Legislation is the basis for most USDA and NRCS conservation programs and the current Farm Bill was enacted on December 20, 2018. The Farm Bill runs on a 5 year cycle and they are the conservation agency within USDA.

There are 54 Natural Resources Conservation field offices and centers throughout Wisconsin. These offices work with private landowners and producers on conservation needs such as urban agriculture, climate smart agriculture and forestry, racial equity and social justice programs, conservation planning, science-based solutions, conservation practice standards, and multiple conservation programs and grants.

Aldo Leopold Conservation Award

Kevin McAleese, President of the Sand County Foundation presented John and Dorothy Priske the 2021 Aldo Leopold Conservation Award.

**The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
2021 James A. Graham award recipient Frank Friar**

Deputy Secretary, Angela James and the DATCP Board congratulates Frank Friar as being named the 2021 recipient of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's (NASDA) James A. Graham Award for Outstanding Service to Agriculture. Frank was recognized for this honor at NASDA's annual meeting.

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
work related to Agriculture, Excess Nutrients and Water Quality**

Secretary Preston Cole and Deputy Secretary Todd Ambs spoke to the Board about the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) mission and their connection to the agriculture community. The DNR strives to protect and enhance our Wisconsin natural resources, provide a healthy sustainable environment, and to offer a full range of outdoor opportunities. Our natural based economy is in trouble. The DNR is working hard to find solutions to problems such as nitrates in our water, lead laterals, and eliminating PFAS in our landscape. It is important to Wisconsin that we keep our air, land, water, wildlife, fish, forests, and ecosystems sustainable and farmers can be part of the solution. We also want to invest in the best science to mitigate problems over time.

Looking to the future, the passage of the federal infrastructure bill is very significant, a once in the lifetime opportunity for us due to the amounts of additional federal money coming to the State. These dollars will be used to address modernizing of drinking water, sewer, nitrate, and PFAS issues. In a bill this large, there also is an additional \$1 billion that come through for the Great Lakes Initiative. We are excited about the potential there and will be participating in a lot of discussions on how we move forward.

**Wisconsin Farm Technology Days
Arnie Jennerman**

Arnie Jennerman, General Manager of the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days (WFTD), presented an overview of the organization to the Board. The WFTD started as a partnership between the agriculture industry and the university in 1954. WFTD is an independent incorporated business organization that is governed by a Board of Directors. Their mission is to promote technology and share knowledge in agriculture and related industries through joint efforts of communities, business, industry, education, and agencies. The show moves around the state and is run primarily by county volunteers and a host farm. The show in 2022 is scheduled in Clark County from July 12-14th.

**ATCP 16 –Dog Sellers
Final Rule
Division of Animal Health**

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

Motion

A motion was made by Doug Rebout and seconded by Paul Palmby to approve the Final Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 16. Motion was approved unanimously

**ATCP 160 – County and District Fairs
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Agricultural Development**

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 Andy Diercks and seconded by Paul Palmby 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
Hearing Draft Rule
Division of Trade and Consumer Protection**

David Woldseth, Program Policy Analyst and Alicia Clark from the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection presented the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 94, to the Board. Mr. Woldseth 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 Palmby to approve the Hearing Draft Rule for Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 94. Motion was approved unanimously

**Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Survey Update
Greg Bussler**

Greg Bussler, State Statistician from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service presented his November 18, 2021 report to the Board on the November Crop Production Report, Milk Cow Herds, Chickens & Eggs, Prices Received, Crop Progress as of November 7, 2021, and other noteworthy items.

**Pesticide Certification Program Overview and New Remote/Online Testing Options
Division of Agricultural Resource Management**

Robby Personette from the Division of Agricultural Resource Management presented an overview of the Pesticide Certification Program to the Board.

**Seed Field Inspections: A Collaboration Supporting Wisconsin Exports
Division of Agricultural Resource Management**

Krista Hamilton, Sam Fieweger and Greg Helmbrecht from the Division of Agricultural Resource Management presented an overview of the Export Certification Program to the Board.

Office of the Secretary Report

Deputy Secretary Angela James presented the Secretary's Office update to the Board on:

- Honoring Dr. Steve Ingham on his retirement and for 28 years of state service.
- The Department of Revenue is taking applications for the Wisconsin Farm Support Program through Sunday, November 29th.
- The \$200,000 meat processing grant program closes in January 2022 and each grant is capped at \$50,000.
- \$1 million in grants for the biennium was approved in Governor Evers budget for Wisconsin agriculture exports.
- DATCP was awarded a \$500,000 grant to strengthen stress management resources for farmers.
- We continue to participate in stakeholder calls regarding supply chain issues.
- Thank you to Dr. Clare Hintz. Secretary Romanski and Deputy Secretary James visited Dr. Hintz recently and toured the agriculture community in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

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 Paul Palmby.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Rebout and seconded by Paul Palmby. Motion approved unanimously. The Board adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.