

NEBRASKA DAIRY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Virtual Board Meeting December 1, 2025

Minutes

Members Present: Jodi Cast, David Crook, Doug Nuttelman, Kent Pulfer, Joyce Racicky, Heath Snodgrass

Members Absent: Doug Temme

Ex-Officio Members Present: Holle Evert

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Others Present: Midwest Dairy Staff: Tracy Behnken, Stacey Bergherr, Corey Scott, Bridget Sheehan, Michelle Watson; Nebraska Department of Agriculture: Hannah Burnside, Anthony Edwards, Taten Raml, Kevin Shearman, Jessica Shelburn, Michael Taddonio

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. conducted under the Nebraska open meetings act by Chairman Kent Pulfer.
2. **Roll Call**
Holle Evert took the Roll Call and announced the presence of a quorum.
3. **Approve Agenda**
Joyce Racicky moved, Jodi Cast seconded to approve the agenda. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Minutes**
Doug Nuttelman moved, Heath Snodgrass seconded to approve the NDID minutes from June 5, 2025. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Report on Board Appointments**
No official appointment notices had been received as of this meeting.
6. **Election of Officers**
Joyce Racicky moved, Doug Nuttelman seconded to retain the current slate officers for 2026, and to hold officer elections at the next meeting if any vacancies occur after appointments are announced. Motion Carried.

Chair: Kent Pulfer
Vice Chair: Joyce Racicky
Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Temme

7. **Department of Ag. Reports**
Fee Collection

Anthony Edwards reported on the Fee Collection Services Report.

Income and Disbursements

Anthony Edwards reported on the Income and Disbursements.

Heath Snodgrass moved, Doug Nuttelman seconded to accept the financial report by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

First Purchaser Audits

Anthony Edwards reported on the First Purchaser Audits. A final report will be provided to the board when the audits are completed.

The board discussed an issue with the audit findings, where a first purchaser underreported on three separate occasions. NDA is requesting the Board to decide if late fees should be collected on the pounds of milk not reported. The late fee equals 1.5% for each month late. Once audit is concluded, a report will be sent to the first purchaser asking them to remit pounds of milk that come in after they report for the month on the next month's report to avoid late fees in the future.

Doug Nuttelman moved, Joyce Racicky seconded to charge the late fees and to include the extra month of fees that were incurred while the audits were being completed. Motion Carried.

Legislative Updates

Nick Swenson is preparing for the upcoming legislative session that begins on January 7, 2026.

2024 – 2025 State Auditor's Office Annual Audit

Kevin Shearman provided an update on the 2024-2025 State Auditor's Office Annual Audit Report. There was one finding that Joyce Racicky's statement of financial disclosure filing was not received before the deadline.

8. **FY 2024-2025 Annual Commodity Report**

Bridget Sheehan reviewed the 2024- 2025 Annual Commodity Report.

9. **Qualified Program Reports**
Midwest Dairy Association

Bridget Sheehan reported on Midwest Dairy Association's programming.

Southwest Dairy Farmers

No one reported on the Southwest Dairy Farmers, but a handout was provided for the board to review. Southwest Dairy Farmers will not contract with NDID going forward.

10. Next Board Meeting

The next NDIDB meeting will be in person sometime in June.

11. Adjourn

Heath Snodgrass moved, Jodi Cast seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Kent Pulfer,
Chair