



## **2024 ANNUAL SPRING BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**The Lodge of Four Seasons**

**Lake Ozark, Missouri**

**May 29 – 31, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Helbig on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 8:20 AM CDT. President Helbig welcomed all guests and members and announced a quorum had been met to conduct business and hold a vote. President Helbig asked for a vote to approve meeting minutes from the 2023 Fall Meeting. He explained to the members that a copy of the minutes resides on the MDPA website for review. The minutes were approved.

### **University Update:**

Coach Rick Linhardt representing the University of Missouri gave an update on the Dairy Products Evaluation team that participated in the National Dairy Products Evaluation contest held in Milwaukee, WI, on April 16, 2024.

Shawn Poore representing the University of Missouri gave an update on new investments in the Food Manufacturing Program, including funding for infrastructure improvements for the Foremost Dairy and a project for an on-campus creamery.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer**—Secretary/Treasurer Bill Wilberding presented the group with the Secretary/Treasurer's report stating that the checking account balance on April 30, 2024, was \$64,367.59. It was moved and seconded to enable the bank account to handle credit card transactions. The motion carried.

**Correspondence**—No report was presented.

**Audit**—No report was presented.

**Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors**—No report was presented.

**Membership**—No report was presented.

**Legislative**—Tony Benz representing The Benz Group, LLC, gave a legislative update, including efforts to defeat a raw milk bill and funding for the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act for a dairy impact study.

**Scholarship**—Board Member Pete Hood reported that \$9,004.00 was raised for the MDPA Scholarship Fund on the dinner cruise at the 2024 Spring Meeting. It was moved and seconded to award scholarships in the amount of \$7,000.00 to the University of Missouri and \$2,000.00 to Kansas State University. The motion carried.

**Old Business/New Business**—President Helbig called for any old business. It was announced that the 2024 MDPA Fall Meeting will be held October 3-4, 2024, at the Hilton Promenade Hotel in Branson, Missouri. President Helbig called for any new business. It was moved and seconded to hold the 2025 MDPA Spring Meeting at The Lodge of Four Seasons on May 28-30, 2025. The motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to conclude the business meeting at 9:15 AM CDT. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Helbig  
President