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Dear Wisconsin dairy farmer,

The nomination period for open district seats on the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (DFW) board is open from March 1-30. Any affected producer within these districts is eligible to run for a director seat:

District 2: Counties of Vilas, Forest, Florence, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto

District 5: Counties of St. Croix and Dunn

District 8: County of Marathon

District 11: Counties of Outagamie and Winnebago

District 14: Counties of Trempealeau, Jackson and La Crosse

District 17: Counties of Calumet and Manitowoc

District 20: Counties of Richland and Sauk

District 23: Counties of Iowa and Lafayette

Directors should plan to attend 6-8 meetings each year, usually held at the DFW office in Madison. Recently, meetings utilized Zoom conferencing platform over the internet to conduct the business of the board. The current per diem of \$254.84 plus mileage (at IRS standard mileage rate) is paid per full day of board activity. Full details of expectations and reimbursement can be found at [www.WisconsinDairy.org/Elections](http://www.WisconsinDairy.org/Elections)

Some of the key responsibilities of a director are to reach out to producers in a directorship capacity and maintain a well-informed dairy farmer based in the counties s/he represents. In order to adhere to responsibilities, a director needs to participate regularly in the organization; maintain effective relations with other industry segments and the community/districts; advocate for checkoff programs and support the decisions of the board; effectively and efficiently use technology to access e-mail and DFW website.

**Here are some helpful tips:**

Become more informed about DFW and its programs by reviewing the Annual Report

- <https://www.wisconsin dairy.org/Checkoff-at-Work/Annual-Report>

Review the laws that created and guide the Milk Market Order

- [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/140/144](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/140/144)
- <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/96/10>

Check out DFW's social media and websites to be more aware of current campaigns and activities.

Websites:

- [www.WisconsinDairy.org](http://www.WisconsinDairy.org)
- [www.WisconsinCheese.com](http://www.WisconsinCheese.com)

Facebook:

- <https://www.facebook.com/DairyFarmersofWisconsin/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinCheese/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/AmericasDairyland/>

Instagram:

- <https://www.instagram.com/wisconsincheese>
- <https://www.instagram.com/americasdairyland>

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LinkedIn:

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/wisconsinmilk/>

Review the monthly dairy farmer newsletter at: [www.wisconsinmilk.org/Checkoff-at-Work/Farmer-Newsletter](http://www.wisconsinmilk.org/Checkoff-at-Work/Farmer-Newsletter) and sign up to receive your own copy.

Keep current with checkoff consumer engagements and media success at:  
<http://www.wisconsinmilk.org/Our-Story/Media-Center/In-the-News>

The nomination and election processes are administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. For questions concerning either process, connect with:  
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