

DRIFTLESS AREA INITIATIVE

Tentative AGENDA

**November 6th, 2002 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. & November 7th, 2002 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Holland Town Hall, Holland, WS (Directions on Page 2)**

DAY 1

9:00 – 9:15

I. Introductions and Housekeeping

Barb Morford -Sustainable Woods Cooperative

9:15 – 9:40

II. The Future of Young Farmers in the Dairy Industry

Karen Stettler -Farm Beginnings/Land Stewardship

9:45 –10:00

III. BREAK

10:15 – 11:15

IV. USDA Program Review

10:15 – 10:40

A. CREP Program *Mark Paulat - DATCP*

10:45 – 11:10

B. 2002 Farm Bill with Emphasis on EQIP

Tim Koehler – NRCS/MN Asst. State Conservationist for Operations

11:15 – 11:25

V. Grazing Land alternatives in the Driftless area with special emphasis on economic and environmental benefits

Mary Anerson (River Country Grazing Specialist) and

AndyHager (Taylor Co. UW Extension Agent)

11:30 – 11:55

VI. Congressman Kind's Upper Mississippi Conservation Act and its Potential Impact for the Driftless area

Karrie Jackelen – Wisconsin Congressman Kind's Staff Member

12:00 –12:30

VII. LUNCH (Lunch Provided for approximately \$5.00/person)

12:30 – 2:00

VIII. Dairy Sector Trends in the Driftless Area

12:30 – 12:55

A. Overview of changes in the Dairy industry

Jeremy Foltz – Wisconsin Extension Service

1:00 – 1:25

B. Perceptions and Reality of Economic/Environmental impacts of large milking operations

SE Minnesota Ag Alliance

1:30-1:55

C. Perceptions and Reality of Economic/Environmental impacts of managed rotational grazing

Art Thicke – Ag Producer/MN Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative

2:00 – 2:15

IX. BREAK

2:20 – 3:30

X. Dairy Resource Planning in the Driftless Area

2:20 – 2:55

A. Concerns for the future, Dairy producers and resource planning in Iowa, the Influence of Iowa dairy promoters on resource planning

Nick Rolling - Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation

3:00 - 3:25

B. Concerns for the future, Dairy producers and resource planning in Minnesota, the influence of Minnesota dairy promoters on resource planning

Jim Fountaine - Minnesota Dairy Initiative

3:30 – 5:00

XI. Discussion

3:30 – 3:55

A. Lead Off Discussion of 2002 Farm Bill & Dairy Applications

Bill Soupup – Iowa Senator Harkin's Staff Member

4:00 – 5:15

B. What is the role of DAI in Dairy Issues?

C. How can DAI bring together Environmental Agencies and the Ag community?

D. Initial Thoughts on Goals & Objectives related to Dairy, Hay and Pasture

5:30 – ?

OPTIONAL GROUP DINNER (DRUGANS @ \$8.00 - \$12.00/PERSON))

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DAY 2

- 8:00 – 8:15** **I. Summary of Previous Day and Housekeeping**
Barb Morford - Sustainable Woods Cooperative
- 8:15 – 9:15** **II. Goals and Objectives Related to Dairy, Hay and Pasture Opportunities**
- 9:15 – 10:00** **III. Final look at mission, Vision, and Values**
- 10:05–10:15** **IV. *BREAK***
- 10:15 – 10:45** **V. Joint Project Opportunities**
Andy Paulios Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative
- 10:45 – 11:15** **VI. Evaluate Research and Funding Opportunities for DAI**
- 11:15 – 11:30** **VII. Steering Committee Report**
- 11:30 – 11:45** **VIII. Wrap Up**

*STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS CONVENES FOR WORKING LUNCH FOLLOWING MEETING
(TBA)*

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING:

The address for the meeting is Town of Holland, Town Hall, W7937 County Road MH, The Town of Holland is about 5 miles north of Onalaska, Wisconsin. You take U. S. 53 north and exit on MH and go west on MH about 1.5 miles. The building is on the north side of the road. If you reach the end of MH you have gone about 1/4 mile too far.

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