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Dairy Business Association endorses state candidates in western Wisconsin

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin’s leading dairy lobbying group, is endorsing candidates in several legislative races in western Wisconsin.

DBA based its endorsement decisions on candidates’ positions on agricultural issues and, where available, their past voting records, on bills supported by the association, which advocates for the state’s dairy farmers and allied businesses.

DBA is endorsing nine candidates in state Assembly races throughout the region: Rep. Gae Magnafici, R-Dresser, in the 28th District; Dr. Clint Moses, R-Menomonie, in the 29th District; Rep. Shannon Zimmerman, R-River Falls, in the 30th District; Rep. Rob Summerfield, R-Bloomer, in the 67th District; Rep. Jesse James, R-Altoona, in the 68th District; Rep. Treig Pronschinske, R-Mondovi, in the 92nd District; Rep. Warren Petryk, R-Town of Washington, in the 93rd District; Rep. Jill Billings, D-La Crosse, in the 95th District; and Rep. Loren Oldenburg, R-Viroqua, in the 96th District.



“Wisconsin’s population is increasingly removed from agriculture; this applies to our legislators too,” said Paul Fetzter, a DBA board member and dairy farmer from Elmwood. “Our farm is fortunate to be in Warren Petryk’s district. He’s been a terrific advocate for dairy farmers. He regularly reaches out to farmers in his district to better understand our issues. This shows real dedication to the success of our state’s farmers.”



Amy Penterman, a dairy farmer from Thorp and DBA’s vice president, said that one of the things needed to keep Wisconsin at the top of the global dairy industry is to ensure that the state continues to be a leader in dairy research. With that goal in mind, the last budget included funding for the Dairy Innovation Hub, which will bankroll the next generation of dairy research at three University of Wisconsin campuses.

“The Dairy Hub concept was one of the ideas that emerged from Dairy Taskforce 2.0 that I was a part of,” Penterman said. “We want to thank Representative Zimmerman and others who helped to get the Dairy Innovation Hub funded. UW-

River Falls, which is in his district, is one of the three campuses that will benefit directly from these funds.”

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The Dairy Business Association is Wisconsin's leading dairy lobby group, championing smart and sensible regulations affecting the dairy community. The nonprofit organization is comprised of farmers, milk processors, vendors and other business partners who work collaboratively to ensure that dairy farms of all sizes have the support they need to keep America's Dairyland strong. More information:

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