



Minnesota Dairy Initiative

Established to Energize a Healthy and Vibrant Dairy Industry in Minnesota

Chair:

Merri Post MDI-SW Region Rep/Dairy Farmer

Vice Chair:

Barry Visser MDI-SC Region Rep/Vita Plus

State Director:

Alison Rickeman -- 320-583-1567

MDI – Reorganization--

State Board Of Directors

6 Regions & Sustainable Farming – Each with one vote

Southwest – Merri Post –Chair

Southcentral – Barry Visser – Vice Chair

Central – Jim Salfer – Secretary

Southeast – Tom Anderson – Finance

West-central – Bob Stommes – Rep.

Northwest – Ron Dvergsten – Rep.

Sustainable Farming Assoc. – Theresa Keaveny– Rep.

Director – Alison Rickeman – 1 yr. - Full Time position

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Dairy Industry Rep

Extension

Dairy Industry Rep

FBM

Funding: MDA – State Legislative Grant – Other Grants?

State Board – caretaker of funds

Focus Areas – 2017-18:

Redesign of organization – Policies & Procedures

501c3 – Articles, Etc.

Farm Team Effectiveness – State-wide Unified Systems

Farm Transfer – John Baker Training – Oct 2-4 - Wilmar