

**WMHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 25, 2024 4:00 P.M.**  
**Jerry Schroeder - CHAIRMAN, Presiding**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Secretary's Report**
- 3. Membership Report**
- 4. Financial Report**
- 5. Legislative Report**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - a. Director Terms Expiring**
- 7. Next Board Meeting**
- 8. Adjourn**



# **WISCONSIN MILK HAULERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Board of Directors**

### **Term of Office Expiring 2024**

Jim Jensen, Lee and Jim Jensen LLC, Colfax  
Pete Lemke, Lemke Bros Trucking, Jim Falls  
Tim Neubauer, Tim Neubauer Trucking, Sparta  
Steve Joesse, Joesse's Trucking, Oostburg

### **Term of Office Expiring 2025**

Al Homan, Homan Trucking, Bonduel  
Wayne Myren, Myren's Milk Hauling, Eleva  
Jerry Schroeder, Schroeder Milk Transit, Oconto Falls  
John Wold, Quality Truck and Service

### **Term of Office Expiring 2023**

Kevin Retzlaff, KR Transport  
Michelle Berndt, Wabash, New Lisbon  
Chris Lemke, Lemke Bros Trucking, Jim Falls  
Nancy Dille, STE, Beloit

### **Officers**

<b>Chairman</b>	Jerry Schroeder
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Tim Neubauer
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Dan Johnson, WMHA

Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Great Dane Pub, Wausau, WI  
May 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Attendees: Wayne Myren, Tim Neubauer, Pete Lemke, Chris Lemke, Jerry Schroeder, Nancy Dille, Michelle Berndt, John Wold and Dan Johnson.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the January, 2024 meeting were presented to the board. A motion was made by Pete Lemke and seconded by Nancy Dille to accept the minutes of the previous board meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Between October 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024 the Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association generated revenues of \$11,367 and expenses of 17,342. The Fund Balance as of May 1, 2024 was \$32,049. A motion to approve the report was made by Chris Lemke, seconded by Wayne Myren. Motion approved unanimously.

**Membership report**

<b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>JOINED</u></b>
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<b>Schultz Trucking Dairy Services</b>	<b>Hauler</b>	<b>March 7, 2024</b>
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<b>Pagel's Ponderosa</b>	<b>Hauler</b>	<b>March 26, 2024</b>
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**Total: 2**

<b><u>CANCELED MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>REASON</u></b>
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**None.**

**Milk Haulers – 43**

**Drivers – 3**

**Allied – 21**

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 67**

A motion was made by Chris Lemke and seconded by Wayne Myren to approve the report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Legislative report:** Mr. Johnson provided information on the following legislative activities:

**2023 Wisconsin Act 153:** Enacted on March 21, 2024, the new law requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to create a two-year commercial driving training grant program for 50% of the tuition costs or \$3,000; whichever is less.

**2023 Wisconsin Act 158:** Enacted on March 21, 2024, this new law authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits for the transportation of fluid milk and whey products subject to a maximum weight of 98,000 pounds.

The new law does not replace any current Fluid Milk Product permits, but instead creates a new permit with certain limitations, including a prohibition on interstate transport. Anyone who currently holds an FMP may continue to utilize the permit and transport on the interstate.

### **Senate Bill 613: Non-Economic Damages from Motor Carriers**

The bills would set a \$1 million dollar cap for non-economic damages that a person may recover in a civil action against a motor carrier. The intent is to address unreasonable "nuclear verdicts" against trucking companies.

The bills were heard by the Assembly Transportation Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee with the WMCA testifying in support. SB 613 was approved by the full Legislature but unfortunately vetoed by Governor Evers.

### **Assembly Bill 549/Senate Bill 581: Grants to Technical College CDL Instructors**

The bills provide a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 as a sign-on bonus for CDL instructors. The bill also directs the tech college to pay a retention bonus of \$5,000 to CDL instructors after five years of service. The WMCA registered in support.

AB 549 was unanimously passed by the State Assembly but did not advance in the Senate before the session ended.

### **Evers Vetoes Income Tax Cut Bills**

Governor Evers vetoed nearly \$800 million of income tax cuts passed by Republicans in the final weeks of the legislative session.

### **Additional Business:**

Jerry Schroeder asked about liability if someone outside the convention were to get injured during our convention, for example, someone climbs onto a trailer or tanker and falls off. Who would be liable? Dan Johnson explained that the Association has event insurance. But it remained unclear who would be liable, especially with the way trial lawyers are today. Jerry suggested some type of signage when we're not there at night.

Tim Neubauer asked about the divisible load issue and if would be advisable to speak to legislators about it during the convention. Dan Johnson suggested that haulers could mix and mingle with legislators and they could discuss those issues. Maybe invite OSOW staff at DOT to the convention.

There was additional discussion about the convention agenda, including having the vendors address the group at the end of the speaker series. Unsure about a Kwik Trip tour.

Jerry Schroeder brought up the issue of new regs for the bird flu outbreak, specifically in Michigan. He'd like Wisconsin DATCP to talk more about this. Also, invite Don Vruwink to the convention.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on September 25th at the annual convention in La Crosse, Wisconsin. With no other business, the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Wayne Myren and seconded by Tim Neubauer. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Dan Johnson**

Secretary

WI Milk Haulers Association

# Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association

## Membership Report

September 25-26, 2023

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>JOINED</u>
Lund Transport	Hauler	8.28.24

**Total:**

<u>CANCELED MEMBERS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Northbay Freight	Driver	Non-payment
Foremost Farms	Allied	Non-payment

**Total:**

Milk Haulers – 44  
Drivers – 2  
Allied – 20

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 66**

# **Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association**

## **Annual Treasurer's Report**

September 25-26, 2023

Between October 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024 the Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association generated revenues of \$25,417 and expenses of \$22,744.

The Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024 was \$40,697.

The statements are included in the packet and this concludes the Treasurer's Report.

**Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association  
Profit Loss Comparison**

	<u>Oct 23 - Aug 24</u>	<u>Oct 22 - Aug 23</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Contribution Income	697.50	812.75
Convention Income	12,000.00	7,075.00
Dues	12,720.00	11,452.25
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>25,417.50</u>	<u>19,340.00</u>
<b>Other Expense</b>		
Computer & Software Expense	0.00	0.00
Administrative Fees	14,300.00	14,300.00
Association Meetings	0.00	36.65
Convention Expenses	7,040.29	6,495.99
Professional Fees	0.00	25.00
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,000.00	600.00
Travel Expenses	404.68	528.76
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>22,744.97</u>	<u>21,986.40</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u><u>2,672.53</u></u>	<u><u>-2,646.40</u></u>

**Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association  
Balance Sheet Comparison**

	<u>Aug 31, 24</u>	<u>Aug 31, 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
<b>Total Checking</b>	\$ 40,697.47	\$ 31,754.25
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>40,697.47</u>	<u>31,754.25</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>40,697.47</u>	<u>31,754.25</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 40,697.47</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,754.25</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$ 40,697.47	\$ 31,754.25
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>40,697.47</u>	<u>31,754.25</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 40,697.47</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,754.25</u></u>



**WI Milk Haulers Association  
Legislative Report  
September 25-26, 2024**

**LEGISLATURE OUT OF SESSION**

The State Legislature is out of session and legislators and candidates are preparing for the November elections.

The Legislature will reconvene in January 2025 and we will await to see the outcome of the election and which party controls which House in the 2025-26 session.

We believe Republicans will hold the majority in both Houses, but the number of seats held primarily in the State Assembly will tighten up between the two parties.

**AG ROAD FUNDING**

In July of this year, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation released \$50 million to support 37 agricultural road projects across 28 Wisconsin counties.

The projects are intended to improve rural roads and bridges that are critical to transporting agricultural products efficiently and effectively across the state.

This is the first round of funding awarded through the new Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP), which was established by 2023 Wisconsin Act 13 and funded in the 2023-25 biennial budget.

An additional \$100 million for Ag Road projects will be released later this year. Again, any road that receives such funding must remove any weight restrictions on those roads once improvements are made.

## **DOT SECRETARY THOMPSON DEPARTS**

DOT Secretary Craig Thompson has left the agency for a position as vice chancellor at UW-Madison.

Deputy DOT Secretary Kristina Boardman has been appointed to take Thompson's place and will become the first woman to serve as secretary of the department.

Boardman has 20 years of experience with the DOT and previously served as the administrator of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Before that, she spent a decade in the Wisconsin State Assembly as a legislative aide.

This concludes the Legislative Report.

# Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association

Annual Business Meeting Agenda

La Crosse Radisson

September 26, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Association Reports
  - a. Secretary's report – Reading of the Minutes
  - b. Treasurer's report
  - c. Membership report
  - d. Legislative Report
3. Election of Board Members and Officers
  - a. Terms Expiring in 2024
    - i. Jim Jensen, Jensen's, Colfax
    - ii. Pete Lemke, Lemke Bros Trucking, Jim Falls
    - iii. Tim Neubauer, Tim Neubauer Trucking, Sparta
    - iv. Steve Josse, Josse's Trucking, Oostburg
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
5. Other Business
6. Next Annual Meeting/Adjourn



Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
Oshkosh Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI  
September 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. with attendees listed on the attached sheet.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the 2022 Annual Business meeting were presented to the membership. A motion was made by Nancy Dille and seconded by Tim Neubauer to accept the minutes of the previous annual meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Between October 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023 the Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association generated revenues of \$19,340 and expenses of \$21,986. The Fund Balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$31,754. The Profit/Loss statement does not include revenue generated during the month of September, most notably for the annual convention, which should be an additional \$5,000. A motion to approve the report was made by Kevin Retzlaff, seconded by Dennis Schroeder. Motion approved unanimously.

<b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>JOINED</u></b>
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No new members since the last report.

**Total: 0**

<b><u>CANCELED MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>REASON</u></b>
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Moga Transport	Hauler	Non-payment of dues
Heffernan Trucking	Hauler and Driver	Declined Renewal

Total: 2

Milk Haulers – 40

Drivers – 3

Allied – 21

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 64

There was a brief discussion on membership recruitment. A motion was made by Wayne Myred and seconded by Tim Neubauer to approve the report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Legislative report:** Mr. Johnson provided information on the following legislative activities:

***Agriculture Road Improvement Grant Enacted and Funded***

*In the 2023-25 state budget, \$150 million of earmarked funding for an Agricultural Road Improvement Grant program was enacted into law. Senate Bill 247 was signed into law on June 21, 2023 which created the framework for the grant program. The \$150 million grant program will be targeted at local roads that are used for agricultural purposes – including milk hauling – but have historically had weight restrictions placed on them. Under the new grant program, any local road which receives funding and is upgraded may no longer have any such weight restrictions that are more stringent than what is currently allowed under state law.*

### **OS/OW Permit Legislation for Milk Haulers Introduced**

*New legislation has been introduced to create permits for the overweight transport of certain fluid milk products by commercial motor vehicles. A permit may authorize the operation of a vehicle that exceeds the general highway weight limitations by up to 18,000 pounds, subject to a maximum weight of 98,000 pounds. The bill prohibits the DOT from imposing different conditions for the permits for different fluid milk products, which is defined to include raw milk and liquid milk products and byproducts, including liquid whey and whey byproducts.*

### **CDL Tuition Grant Reimbursement**

*The 2023-25 state budget created a new tuition grant reimbursement program for students working towards a CDL. The program would cover tuition up to \$3,000 or 50%, whichever is less.*

### **Governor Budget Vetoes Decrease Income Tax Relief**

*In July, Governor Evers used his veto pen to significantly decrease income tax cuts authored by legislative Republicans in the state budget. The Legislature approved a \$3.5 billion income tax cut in its version of the budget, but the Governor reduced it by 95% to \$175 million.*

### **GOP Legislators Introduce Massive Tax Cut Proposal**

*Assembly Republicans introduced a \$2.9 billion tax cut plan that would reduce the state's third-highest income tax bracket and provide a new break on retirement income. They also rolled out plans to amend the Wisconsin Constitution to require a two-thirds majority to raise taxes.*

### **WMHA Board Elections**

The current terms expiring in 2023 are Kevin Retzlaff, Nancy Dille, Michelle Berndt and Chris Lemke. Also, John Wold is no longer on the Board so there is a vacancy to fill that seat to 2025. All expressed their desire to serve another 3 year term on the WMHA Board.

A nomination and motion were made by Wayne Myren and seconded by Kevin Retzlaff for Retzlaff, Dille, Berndt and C. Lemke to be nominated for another three year term on the Board. Chairman Schroeder called for any additional nominations from the floor three times. Additional nominations for the vacant seat (to 2025) were made for Jason Leckel, John Wold, and Jennifer Miller. A motion to close the nominations was made by Wayne Myren and seconded by Kevin Retzlaff. The initial motion was carried and all four were re-elected to serve to 2026. In a balloted election, John Wold was elected to the vacant seat, which expires in 2025.

For Board Chairman, Tim Neubauer moved and Chris Lemke seconded the selection of Jerry Schroeder to serve. For Vice Chairman, Jerry Schroeder moved and Nancy Dille seconded the selection of Tim Neubauer to serve. The motions made to approve both nominations carried unanimously.

### **Additional Business:**

2024 Convention ideas: Have two speakers before lunch and two speakers after lunch. Consider having a "no trucks" convention every other year for more location options. Consider other activities other than a truck show. Move to a Wed-Thurs and avoid Driver Appreciation Week. Locations could be La Crosse with a Kwik Trip tour, Sturgeon Bay at the Stone Harbor.

**Next meeting:** The next annual meeting will be held in September of 2024 in a location and a date to be determined. With no other business, the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Tim Neubauer and seconded by Wayne Myren. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Dan Johnson**

Secretary

WI Milk Haulers Association

WI MILK HAULERS Business Meeting  
General Attendance Sheet

DATE ~~9/15/23~~ 9/15/23

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NAME

COMPANY

Dustin Lund

Lund Transport LLC

Nancy Dille

STE

Kevin Retzlaff

KR Transport

Samantha Retzlaff

KR Transport

John Wold

Quality Truck Care

Jim Jensen

Lee & Jim Jensen LLC

Peter Lemke

Lemke Bros Trucking

Jason Leckel

Terry Leckel Trucking

Terry Leckel Jr.

Terry Leckel Trucking

Chris Lemke

Lemke Bros. Trucking

Ken Hastreiter

S&R truck

Doug Duray

S&R Trucks

Al Payne

S&R Truck

WI MILK HAULERS Business Meeting  
General Attendance Sheet

DATE 9/15/23

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NAME

COMPANY

DAN JOHNSON

WMHA

NEAL KEDZIE

WMCA

JERRY SCHROEDER

WMHA

Tim Neubauer

WMHA

Jamie Gudgreen

CROPP / Organic Valley

DENNIS T SCHROEDER

D. T SCHROEDER TRUCKING

MARY SCHROEDER

DT Schroeder Trucking

Christy Bauer

Korth Transfer

WI MILK HAULERS Business Meeting  
General Attendance Sheet

DATE 9/15/23

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NAME

COMPANY

Wayne Myron

Myrons Trucking

Kathy Neubauer

Jim Neubauer Trucking

Jenny Miller

Miller Transfer Inc

Michelle Berndt

Wabash