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Minnesota Farmers Union's Board of Directors meets prior to the 2016 Legislative session starting

St. Paul, Minnesota (February 20, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union's (MFU) Full Board of Directors recently met to discuss issues important to family farmers. The Full Board consists of county presidents throughout the state.

"It is vital for family farmers that we keep issues that impact family farmers in front of state and federal lawmakers so that family farmers are at the table to ensure that fair and common sense policies are developed," said Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union President. "Minnesota Farmers Union is a grass-roots based organization and our policies are voted on and developed by our farmer-members, and we work to ensure farmers' voices are heard. The meeting allows for continued, open communication with our county presidents so we all know what is at stake in the coming year, as the legislature is set to begin soon."

The Board passed special orders of business urging the Minnesota legislature to extend the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program which is due to expire this year and also asking the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to review the proposed acquisition of Syngenta by Chinese government controlled ChemChina." The MFU Board of Directors also discussed legislative priorities for the upcoming session that includes clarifying the new buffer law, addressing farm property taxes, access to rural broadband and transportation funding.

Bessie Klose, Kandiyohi County, was reelected at the State Secretary at the board meeting.

Elected to the Executive Board of MFU was: Eunice Biel, Fillmore County, Larry Jacobson, Clay County, Dave Johnson, Otter Tail County, Merlyn Hubin, Cottonwood County, and newly appointed Alan Perish, Todd County.

Markell Vogt, Aitkin County, resigned from the MFU Executive Board after proudly serving for 19 years. Her dedication and commitment is appreciated by all at Minnesota Farmers Union

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