Plain Talk

By Elwood Kirkpatrick
President

CWT Herd Buyout Creates MMPA Board Vacancy

During our November 2005 board meeting, at-large-director Wayne Bancroft, of Buckley, told us he had submitted a bid to the Herd Retirement program of Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) and the bid was accepted. Wayne has decided not to replace his herd and officially retired from the MMPA Board during our December 2005 meeting.

This was Wayne's sixth term on the MMPA Board and we would like to thank him for his many years of service to MMPA. His fellow board members and I have enjoyed spending time with Wayne and appreciate the knowledge, opinions and stories he has shared with us over the years.

According to the MMPA bylaws, the board of directors may appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by Wayne until the next State Annual Meeting. However, we, as a board, decided that with only two months remaining until our State Annual Meeting, we would not fill the position. We have chosen to ask the MMPA State Nominating Committee to submit nominations of MMPA members to vie for the vacant at-large position. Because Wayne has already filled one year of the three year term, the person will be elected for the remaining two year term of this position.

Our bylaws require the State Nominating Committee to nominate not less than two nor more than five MMPA members to run for the director-at large position at the MMPA State Annual Meeting in March. The State Nominating Committee will be meeting on January 27, 2006. If you would like to be considered for the position or if you would like to provide suggested nominees for the nominating committee to consider, please contact a member of the nominating committee listed below:

District 1
Art Riske (517) 524-6015
Alt. James Benner (517) 436-3221

District 2
Don Bever (269) 671-5050
Alt. Todd Perkins (260) 351-3754

District 4
David Lott (517) 676-4593
Alt. Jim Droscha (517) 543-5577

District 5
Mike Rasmussen (989) 762-5380
Alt. Ken DeZeeuw (231) 775-3518

District 6
Larry Nobis (989) 224-4801
Alt. Matt Dutcher (989) 723-7674

District 7
Louis Martus (810) 688-3419
Alt. Ken Reinert (517) 871-3216

District 8
Larry Siemen (989) 479-6783
Alt. Mike Bender (810) 376-4816

District 10
Rod Daniels (989) 756-4935
Alt. Jim Judge (989) 866-2451

District 11
Gary Butler (616) 636-5385
Alt. N/A

District 12
David Folkersma (906) 478-4631
Alt. Eleanore Bloniarz (906) 466-5537

If you have any further questions regarding the procedure for nominating members for the at-large position on the board, please contact me, John Dilland or Sheila Burkhardt at the Novi office.

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