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MINNESOTA AGRI-GROWTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2010

Minnesota Agri-Growth Council membership voted to re-elect five of its directors and expand the size of the board by voting in three new directors.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (November 5, 2009) – The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, a nonpartisan advocacy organization for Minnesota’s vast agriculture and food industry, expanded the size of the board of directors to a 25-member board. On November 3 the organization’s membership elected three new directors and re-elected five of its current directors during the Annual Members Meeting held at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The re-elected directors include:

- Joe Swedberg, vice president, legislative affairs, Hormel Foods
- Kristin Weeks Duncanson, co-owner, Duncanson Farms
- Nick Sinner, executive director, Red River Valley Sugar Beet Growers Association
- Meg Freking, co-owner, New Fashion Pork
- Adolph Ojard, executive director, Duluth Seaway Port Authority

The newly appointed directors include:

- Tim Gerlach, executive director, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Bill Reilly, VP strategic sourcing & materials management, Schwan Food Company
- Jack Bernens, head, technology acceptance, Syngenta Seeds, Inc.

The Council is now governed by a 25-member board, representing the diversity of Minnesota’s food and agriculture industry, including ex-officio representation from leadership at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences.

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council board of directors for 2010 is as follows:

Joe Swedberg	Hormel Foods	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Chair
Kristin Weeks Duncanson	Duncanson Growers	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Vice Chair
Paul DeBriyn	AgStar Financial Services	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Immediate Past Chair
Jim Bareksten	CHS Inc	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Secretary
Mike Zumwinkle	Cargill	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Treasurer
Al Anderson	Retired – CHS Inc.	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Jerry Larson	Larson Farms	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Roger Gilland	State Cattlemen and Gilland Feedlots Inc	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Tom Rosen	Rosen’s Diversified	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Steve Krikava	Land O’Lakes	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Gene Hugoson	Department of Ag	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director

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Nick Sinner	Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Randy Doyal	AI-Corn Clean Fuel	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Pat Lunemann	MN Milk Producers Association and Twin Eagle Dairy	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Mike Helgeson	Gold'n Plump Poultry	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Mark Davis	Davisco Foods	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Dr. Michael Swanson	Wells Fargo	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Adolph Ojard	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Ron Offutt	RDO Companies	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Meg Freking	New Fashion Pork	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Jim Winter	Ecolab	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Dr. Allen Levine	University of Minnesota – Dean of CFANS	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Tim Gerlach	Minnesota Corn Growers Association	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Bill Reilly	Schwan's Food Company	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director
Jack Bernens	Syngenta Seeds, Inc.	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Director

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council (www.agrigrowth.org) is an advocate for the state's food and agriculture industry. Founded in 1968, the Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents the shared interests of its 200-plus members, which include food and agriculture businesses, organizations and producers, as well as the service industries that support them.

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