

Minutes

**Producer Committee
Conference Call Meeting**
August 1, 2016 9:00 a.m.
Milk Control Bureau Office
1225 8th Avenue, Helena, Montana

Conference Call Access:

Call-in Number: 1-866-740-1260
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Call to Order

Committee Chair David Miller called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Attendance

Committee Member	Present	Absent
Sam Hofer	X	
Tim Huls		X
Nelson Kamerman	X	
Mark Kleinsasser	X	
David Miller	X	
Andrew Wipf	X	
Ruben Wurz	X	

Montana Department of Livestock Staff:

Chad Lee, Bureau Chief, Milk Control Bureau
Mark Curtis, Dairy Accountant, Milk Control Bureau

Guests:

None

Election of Officers

Chair

Sam Hofer nominated David Miller to serve as Producer Committee Chair. No other nominations were made. Nelson Kamerman moved and Sam Hofer seconded the motion to close nominations and call a vote. All members present voted in favor of David Miller serving as Producer Committee Chair, with David Miller abstaining.

Vice-Chair

Ruben Wurz nominated Sam Hofer to serve as Producer Committee Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Nelson Kamerman moved and Ruben Wurz seconded the motion to close nominations and call a vote. All members present voted in favor of Sam Hofer serving as Producer Committee Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2015 Meeting

Sam Hofer moved and Nelson Kamerman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

October 13, 2015 Meeting Notes – No Quorum

No approval of meeting notes was required. No changes were identified by committee.

New Business

Quota Transfer Request

Kingsbury Colony requested approval of sale and transfer of 600 lbs/day of quota to Miller Colony, effective August 1, 2016.

Nelson Kamerman moved and Sam Hofer seconded the motion to approve the transfer of quota as requested. The committee confirmed with bureau staff that a lien search had been performed. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

Other New Business

Chad Lee informed the committee that the Board of Milk Control may schedule a meeting in late August or early September to initiate rulemaking regarding milk classification definitions and changes to the surplus sales rules that may need to occur simultaneously. The committee discussed scheduling an in-person meeting at the same date. Sam Hofer expressed that the meeting needs to occur before September 10th in order for him to attend.

Chad Lee inquired whether the USDA Margin Protection Program had resulted in any payouts. The committee members said that it had not, and that dairies that elected the \$8/cwt margin coverage were only receiving pennies back relative to the \$5/cwt premium paid. As a result, in the future dairies are likely to only purchase the minimum coverage unless the program is changed. The committee members indicated that in Montana, the decline of milk prices exceeded the decline of feed prices.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Nelson Kamerman moved and Andrew Wipf seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. All members voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



_____, Producer Committee Chair

Date: 8-29-16