

**Minutes**

**Producer Committee  
Conference Call Meeting**  
March 10, 2017 9:00 a.m.  
Milk Control Bureau Office  
1225 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Helena, Montana

**Conference Call Access:**

Call-in Number: 1-866-740-1260  
Access Number: 4445210#

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair David Miller called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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

**Guests:** Tony Denio, Meadow Gold – Great Falls Plant Manager

**Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2016 Meeting**

Tim Huls moved and Sam Hofer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor, except for Ruben Wurz who abstained because he did not receive the draft minutes.

**New Business**

Quota Transfer Request

King Ranch Colony requested approval of sale and transfer of 2,996 lbs/day of quota to B3, Inc., effective April 1, 2017.

Wilmer Amstutz requested approval of sale and transfer of 1,500 lbs/day of quota to Surprise Creek Colony, effective April 1, 2017.

Tim Huls moved and Nelson Kamerman seconded the motion to approve both transfer requests, with the contingency that lien matters are cleared by the effective dates of the transfer. The committee discussed the purpose of having the bureau perform lien searches, which is to protect the buyer and to help facilitate orderly sale of quota. Chad Lee informed the committee that lien searches for both requests included "general intangibles" in the collateral list. The bureau's legal counsel advised the bureau that "general intangibles" includes quota. It seems likely that liens on "general intangibles" may be part of boiler plate financing terms and that producers may be unaware that it includes quota. Neither of the two sellers were aware of lien on their quota. Chad Lee also discussed communications with the sellers and buyers regarding liens and expressed confidence that the lien matters will be cleared before the effective date of the transfers. All members present voted in favor.

#### **Other New Business**

Chad Lee discussed the annual quota readjustment calculation, which must be made each year by April 1 in accordance with ARM 32.24.505. The bureau performed the analysis, and there will be no adjustment in 2017 based on analysis of 2016 market needs.

Chad Lee informed the committee that the Board of Milk Control will have a board meeting on March 31, 2017 at the Public Service Commission Bollinger Room at 1701 Prospect Ave., Helena, Montana.

David Miller had Chad Lee report on the 2017 Legislative Session. Chad Lee discussed Senate Resolution 30 (confirmation of Board of Milk Control appointments for Scott Mitchell and Jerrold Weissman); House Bill 377 (requiring rulemaking establishing milk equivalent factors used to calculate the milk control assessment on manufactured dairy products); House Bill 272 (pasteurization labeling); and House Bill 325 and House Bill 352, which pertain to the sale of raw milk).

#### **Public Comment**

Tony Denio discussed transitions and improvements transpiring at Meadow Gold and expressed that his family is enjoying Montana.

#### **Adjournment**

Tim Huls moved and David Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.



\_\_\_\_\_, Producer Committee Chair

Date: 10-31-2017