

**Minutes**

**Producer Committee  
Conference Call Meeting**  
October 31, 2017 9:00 a.m.  
Milk Control Bureau Office  
1404 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 9:01 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:** none

**Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2017 Meeting**

Tim Huls moved and Ruben Wurz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

**New Business**

(1) Quota Transfer Request

Kimm Dairy requested approval of sale and transfer of a total of 2,000 lbs/day of quota, effective November 1, 2017, to the following:

- 1,500 lbs/day of milk quota Leep Dairy , LLC
- 500 lbs/day of milk quota to David Lewis, dba Big Creek Dairy

Ruben Wurz moved and Andrew Wipf seconded the motion to approve both transfer requests. All members present voted in favor.

(2) Producer Committee Appointment Process for January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019 Term  
Committee members were encouraged to submit applications for reappointment by the November 17, 2017 deadline. Forms have been mailed to all current committee members and to all pool producers. The Board of Milk Control will likely take action on Producer Committee appointments at a meeting in December 2017 or January 2018.

(3) Update on Milk Market Regulation Study

Chad Lee explained the process that will take place on November 8, 2017 when the Milk Market Regulation Study Proposal Evaluation Committee will meet to score the three proposals received and make a recommendation to the Board of Milk Control. The Evaluation Committee meeting will also be a Board of Milk Control meeting since a quorum of the board is serving on the committee. Following the committee's recommendation, the Board of Milk Control will take action on whether to accept the recommendation. The board will receive public comment before taking action. If the board moves to accept the proposal of the highest scoring proposal, the study will commence by mid-late November. The scope of services in the request for proposal requires the contractor to meeting with Montana producers and representatives of Montana plants. The contractor will meet with the board and Montana dairy stakeholders at a Board of Milk Control meeting in December 2017 or January 2018. The bureau will assist in helping to connect the contractor with industry stakeholders. If the board does not move to accept the committee recommendation, then the RFP will need to be re-developed and released again. The November 8, 2017 Evaluation Committee / Board of Milk Control meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and be held in the Department of Livestock conference room (Room 319 in the Scott Hart Building, 301 N. Roberts Ave., Helena, Montana).

**Other New Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Tim Hulls moved and Nelson Kamerman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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

Date: April 4, 2018