

Minutes

**Producer Committee
Conference Call Meeting**
August 1, 2018 9:00 a.m.
Milk Control Bureau Office
1404 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
David Miller (Chair)	X	
Sam Hofer (Vice-Chair)	X	
Tim Huls	X	
Nelson Kamerman		X
Mark Kleinsasser	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 June 5, 2018 Meeting & June 27, 2018 Meeting

Tim Huls moved and Ruben Wurz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting and the June 27, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

New Business

Quota Transfer Request:

Hillside Colony requested approval of sale and transfer of a total of 8,516 lbs/day of quota, effective August 1, 2018, to Seville Colony.

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

Eagle Creek Colony requested approval of the following sales and transfers of quota, effective August 1, 2018:

- 1,000 lbs/day of quota to Skattum Dairy
- 5,433 lbs/day of quota to Moiese Valley Ranch.

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

Other New Business

David Miller reminded the committee that there is a hearing on the proposal to amend the Class II and Class III price formulas (MAR 32-18-290) at 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 2018. Chad Lee discussed the hearing as it pertains to the rulemaking process. Public comment on the rulemaking proposal ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday August 3, 2018.

Mr. Lee informed the committee that the bureau has only received ten producer responses to the Board of Milk Control's survey regarding the recommendations in the Montana Milk Market Regulation Study Final Report. The Board of Milk Control will not review the survey until September or October when it discusses next steps and would appreciate producers' input.

Mr. Lee informed the committee that in July the bureau simulated two variations of assigning value to quota and excess milk that were included in the study's recommendations, along with the recommendation to reduce producers' outstanding quota balances proportionately to be equal to 107% of Montana Class I utilization. The bureau developed the simulation to confirm that such changes were administratively possible. Such changes would result in quota-excess differentials in the \$4.00 - \$5.00/cwt range based on the June 2018 simulation.

Mr. Miller asked whether additional dairies were planning on closing or selling quota in the near future. No one was aware of pending closures or sales.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.



_____, Producer Committee Chair

Date: October 9, 2018