

**Montana Board of Milk Control Zoom Meeting Minutes – Time Stamp Record
to Accompany Meeting Recording**

January 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Physical Location of Meeting: Montana Dept. of Livestock Board Room #319, 301 N. Roberts, Helena, Montana

PUBLIC MEETING

Call to Order

Chairperson Ken Bryan called the meeting to order at **1:02 p.m.**

Attendance

Board Members:

	Present	Absent
Ken Bryan, Chair	X	
Brian Beerman		X
Staci Ketchum	X	
W. Scott Mitchell	X	
Travis Stroh	X	

Montana Department of Livestock Staff:

- Brian Simonson, Deputy Executive Officer DOL
- Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer DOL
- Michele Satre, Milk Control Program Manager
- Kelly Calnan, Regulated Market Compliance Specialist

Guests:

- Sam Hofer - Surprise Creek Colony Dairy
- Matthew Hofer – Big Sky Colony Dairy
- Luke Hofer – Miller Colony Dairy
- Dave Lewis - Big Creek Dairy

AGENDA ITEM	TIME STAMP
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	00:00 – 03:10
I. MINUTES Chairman, Bryan, requested comments on approval of the minutes from the December 09, 2022, meeting. There were no comments. Motion: Ms. Ketchum moved, and Mr. Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the minutes, without amendments, for the December 09, 2022, meeting. The motion carried. All members voted in favor.	I. 03:11 – 04:24 Motion: 03:36 – 4:24
II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS	II. 04:25 – 07:51
A. Impromptu Milk Control Program Update. Comments: Mr. Simonson updated the board on the Milk Control Program being fully staffed as of January 2024.	II.A 04:25 – 07:51

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<p>III. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Proposal for FY2025 Assessment Rates</p> <p>Presentation of Assessment Rate Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025 Michele Satre (Milk Control Program)</p> <p>a. Board Discussion – Ken Bryan and Scott Mitchell b. Industry Input c. Public Comment</p> <p>Comments: Mr. Mitchell commented in agreement with Mr. Bryan on the board’s desire to keep the fiscal year ending balance at \$200,000. The industry and public had no comment on Mr. Mitchell’s noting that leaving the rate as is would not result in hardship for the producers.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Mitchell made a motion to leave the assessment rates where they are currently for Fiscal Year 2025, and Mr. Stroh seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion carried. All members voted in favor.</p> <p>B. Milk Inspection Fee Update</p> <p>Mr. Honeycutt (Department of Livestock) discussed the Milk & Egg Program revenue shortfall and the Department of Livestock possibly pursuing a different source of revenue in place of the current milk inspection fee.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Lewis commented in agreement on Mr. Honeycutt’s idea of pursuing a different source of revenue.</p> <p>Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Lewis commented in agreement with Mr. Honeycutt’s suggestion and would be willing to help in educating the producers, processors, and the Board of Livestock regarding the need for a change in revenue source.</p> <p>C. Annual Report Update</p> <p>Comments: Michele Satre notified the board that the report will be completed and ready for board approval by June.</p>	<p>III.A</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>III.B</p> <p></p> <p>III.C</p>	<p>07:51 – 20:25</p> <p>07:51 – 11:44</p> <p>10:45 – 19:38</p> <p>19:39 – 19:42</p> <p>19:43 – 20:25</p> <p>20:26 – 56:27</p> <p>20:26 – 35:09</p> <p>35:10 – 56:27</p> <p>56:29 – 57:14</p>
<p>IV. OTHER NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>IV.</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS</p> <p>Comments: Inquiry by Mr. Matt Hofer regarding 12 Day Rule news with Mr. Honeycutt responding.</p>	<p>V.</p>	<p>57:28 – 01:03:50</p>

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<p>VI. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Motion: Ms. Ketchum moved, and Mr. Stroh seconded a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>The motion carried. All members voted in favor.</p> <p>Mr. Bryan adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.</p>	<p>VI. 01:04:01 – 01:04:45</p> <p>Motion: 01:04:14 – 01:04:45</p>

Time stamps were recorded during the meeting and reviewed and adjusted by Program staff.

REVIEWED

BY(Initials):

MS	Michele Satre, Milk Control Program Manager
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