

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

March 04, 2025, 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 **1:00 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, Department of Livestock
- Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock
- Lindsey Simon, Agency Counsel, Department of Livestock
- Michele Satre, Milk Control Program Manager, Milk Control Program

Guests:

- Rob Adamson, Dairy Farmers of America/Meadow Gold
- Dave Lewis, Big Creek Dairy, Northwest Dairy Association
- Lily Andersen, Skattum Dairy & BOL Dairy Representative
- Shane Leep, Leep Dairy
- Makena DeLappe, Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold
- Steve Stout, Dairy Farmers of America/Meadow Gold
- Benjamin J. Hofer, Montana Milk Producers Association
- Luke Hofer, Montana Milk Producers Association
- Joe Kleinsasser, Montana Milk Producers Association
- Ike Wurz, Montana Milk Producers Association
- Alan Waldner, Montana Milk Producers Association

AGENDA ITEM	TIME STAMP
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	0:00:01– 0:03:24
I. MINUTES Chairman, Bryan, requested comments on approval of the minutes from the December 03, 2024, meeting. There were no comments. Motion: Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Ketchum seconded the motion to approve the minutes, without amendments. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.	I. 0:02:26 – 0:03:24 Motion: 0:03:01 – 0:03:22

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<p>II. UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK</p> <p>A. Milk Honeycutt presented an update of the Department of Livestock activities affecting the milk producers.</p> <p>Comments: Ms. Simon commented that the rule change for the Fiscal Year 2026 assessment cut is on track to take effect July 1, 2025. Mr. Simonson commented that the Milk Control staff are running things well. Mr. Mitchell requested an update from Mr. Honeycutt on the status of the High Path Avian Influenza spread. Mr. Beerman, Mr. Honeycutt, and Ms. Simon commented on the raw milk dairy sales in the state.</p>	<p>II.</p> <p>II.A</p>	<p>0:03:25 – 0:22:25</p> <p>0:03:22 – 0:22:25</p> <p>0:09:51 – 0:22:25</p>
<p>III. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Continued discussion of increasing the Montana Class I Differential in response to the Federal Class I changes.</p> <p>1. Presentation by Dave Lewis and Makena DeLappe proposing the Montana Class I Differential be increased by \$0.30/cwt from \$2.55/cwt to \$2.85/cwt.</p> <p>Comments: Mr. Adamson commented that DFA would agree to a \$0.30/cwt increase. Additional comments were made by Mr. Lewis, Mr. L. Hofer, Mr. Kleinsasser, Mr. B. Hofer, Mr. Wurz, Mr. Waldner, Mr. Beerman, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Stout, Ms. Andersen, and Mr. Simonson.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Beerman made a motion to accept the \$0.30/cwt Montana Class I Differential increase bringing it up to \$2.85. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all members voting in favor.</p> <p>B. Discussion on Implementation of the rule change by June 1, 2025, to match the Federal changes of June 1, 2025.</p> <p>Comments: Comment were made by Ms. Satre, Ms. Simon, Chair Bryan, Ms. Andersen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. L. Hofer, Mr. Adamson.</p>	<p>III.</p> <p>III.A.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>III.B.</p>	<p>0:22:26 – 0:44:40</p> <p>0:22:26 – 0:29:35</p> <p>0:29:36 – 0:38:04</p> <p>0:38:05 – 0:38:30</p> <p>0:38:31 – 0:44:40</p>
<p>IV. COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS</p> <p>A. Discussion on the status of the quota used versus quota available.</p> <p>Comments: Comments were made by Mr. Beerman, Ms. Satre, Mr. Honeycutt, Mr. L. Hofer, Mr. Lewis, Chair Bryan.</p>	<p>IV.</p>	<p>0:44:41 – 0:53:31</p>
<p>V. ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Beerman moved to adjourn, and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.</p> <p>Chairman Bryan adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.</p>	<p>V.</p> <p>Motion:</p>	<p>0:53:32 – 0:53:55</p> <p>0:53:36 – 0:53:54</p>

Time stamps were recorded during the meeting and reviewed and added to these minutes by Program staff.

PREPARED BY:

MS	Michele Satre, Program Manager, Milk Control Program Manager
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