

Minutes

Producer Committee Conference Call Meeting

March 31, 2020 9:00 a.m.
Milk Control Bureau Office
1404 8th Avenue, Helena, Montana

Conference Call Access:

Call-in Number: 1-406-444-4647
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Call to Order

Committee Chair David Miller called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendance

| Committee Member | Present | Absent |
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| David Miller (Chair) | X | |
| Sam Hofer (Vice-Chair) | X | |
| Dan Daugherty | X | |
| Tim Huls | X | |
| Nelson Kamerman | X | |
| Mark Kleinsasser | X | |
| John Waldner | X | |

Montana Department of Livestock Staff:

Chad Lee, Bureau Chief, Milk Control Bureau

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2020 Meeting

Nelson Kamerman moved, and Dan Daugherty seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion carried. All members present voted in favor.

New Business

Quota Transfer Requests:

Loren Dyk requested to transfer 6,004 lbs/day of milk quota to David Lewis, which will apply beginning April 1, 2020.

Tim Huls moved, and Sam Hofer seconded a motion to approve the transfer request. All members present voted in favor.

Jay Kimm requested to transfer 1,000 lbs/day of milk quota to Dan Daugherty, which will apply beginning May 1, 2020.

Jay Kimm requested to transfer 3,089 lbs/day of milk quota to Dairyland Farms, Inc., which will apply beginning May 1, 2020.

Mark Kleinsasser moved, and Tim Huls seconded a motion to approve both transfer requests made by Jay Kimm. All members present voted in favor.

Other New Business

The committee discussed development in the Dean Foods bankruptcy on March 18th in which Dean Foods announced that it was not proceeding with the sale of 44 dairy processing and distribution system to Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) as had been announced in February but instead would be accepting bids for each plant and the distribution system. The change was likely sought to resolve concerns about the competitiveness of the previously announced agreement with DFA. It is anticipated that DFA will still be bidding on Dean Foods assets. Bids were due at noon on March 30, 2020. The bankruptcy court will hold a hearing on the sale of Dean Foods assets on April 3, 2020.

The committee discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on milk sales. Stores are selling fluid milk at brisk pace, Montana plants importing milk to meet demand in Montana and out-of-state. Looking longer-term, there is concern about impact of the pandemic on the economy and therefore domestic and international demand.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Tim Huls moved, and Nelson Kamerman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.



, Producer Committee Chair

Date: 6-25-2020