

May 21, 2015  
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes  
Deering Building, Room 233  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the May 21, 2015 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on April 23, 2015 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on April 23, 2015.

**Commission Present:** Mike Wiers, Colon Durrell, Richard Cook, Matt Randall and Stanley Millay

**Commission Absent:** None

**Department Officials:** Ellis Additon, Bureau Chief, Agriculture

**Staff Present:** Tim Drake, Executive Director, Audrey Shorty, Resource Administrator and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate

**Legal Counsel:** Not Present

**Others Present:** John Bennett, Doug Carr and Jim Lesser of Oakhurst Dairy, John Blake, H.P. Hood, Julie-Marie Bickford, MDIA, Clayton Davis, DFA/DMS, Jordan Clark of Agri-Mark, Gary Anderson from the University of Maine and Walter Fletcher, dairy farmer.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Minutes:** Richard Cook made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting as presented. Colon Durrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General:**

**Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:**

Tim Drake reported that a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for June 2015, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS) and Agri-Mark Co-op had been reported. In addition to this premium, DMS and Agri-Mark reported that an additional \$0.43/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Federal Order One Class I price for June is \$19.39, an increase of \$0.31/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.35/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Colon Durrell made a motion to accept order #06-15 with a producer margin of \$1.35/cwt.

Matt Randall seconded the motion.

Chairman Wiers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey:** The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for May 2015 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Scarborough, South Portland, Brunswick, Biddeford, Bangor and Brewer. The IAMCA survey for March was also reviewed.

**Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- June 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 319, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- July 23, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- August 20, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- September 24, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME

**Agenda Item 6: Other:**

- A. Monthly Financial Report:** The FY 15 report was reviewed.

**Agenda Item 7: Executive Session:** None

**Adjourned:** Adjourned; 10:37 a.m. May 21, 2015.  
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission