

June 23, 2016
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes
Marquardt Building, Room 329
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the June 23, 2016 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on May 19, 2016 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on May 19, 2016.

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

Commission Absent: None

Department Officials: None

Staff Present: Tim Drake, Executive Director, Betty Farr and Cory Daigneault Resource Administrators and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate

Legal Counsel: Not present

Others Present: John Blake, H.P. Hood, Julie-Marie Bickford and Dale Cole, MDIA, Jim Lesser and Andy Hopkins of Oakhurst Dairy, Clayton Davis, DFA/DMS and Mary Frank member of the public.

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 May 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Colon Durrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General: Nothing to report.

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:

Tim Drake reported a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for July 2016, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS). In addition to this premium, DMS reported that an additional \$0.38/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Agri-Mark reported total premiums remain unchanged for July. Federal Order One Class I price for July is \$16.95, an increase of \$0.56/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.58/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.

Dale Cole stated that Oakhurst producers had received a letter from Oakhurst notifying them that production premiums and rBST free premiums on milk sold out of state would be reduced. He would like to see the producer margin increased but understood that there is pressure on all parties involved.

Chairman Wiers thanked Dale Cole for his comments. He then asked for more comments. There were none.

Colon Durrell stated that the producer margin is now as high as it ever has been and then made a motion to accept order #07-16 with a producer margin of \$1.58/cwt. and a Commission premium of \$1.53/cwt.

Richard Cook 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 June 2016 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Brunswick, Topsham, Bangor, Brewer, South Portland, Scarborough, Saco and Biddeford. The IAMCA survey was not available.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- July 21, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Room 332, Marquardt Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME
- August 18, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Room 332, Marquardt Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME
- September 22, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Room 329, Marquardt Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME
- October 20, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Room 332, , Marquardt Building, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME

Agenda Item 6: Other:

- A. **Monthly Financial Report:** The FY 16 report was reviewed.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: None

Adjourned: Adjourned; 10:40 a.m. June 23, 2016.
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission