



State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

Milk Regulation Board Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2014

Agenda Item 1: 9:35 meeting called to order

Agenda Item 2: Introductions

In attendance: Wayne Kasacek for Commissioner Reviczky, Gregory Peracchio, Michael Young, Neil Marcus, Peter Orr, Jack Tiffany, and Dawn Barrett-Walsh

Agenda Item 3: No correspondence

Agenda Item 4: Move to approve minutes of 7/17/14 meeting – Peter Orr 2nd Jack Tiffany, no discussion, Minutes were approve unanimously

Agenda Item 5: Reports

Dairy sustainability grant is currently on schedule. Week of November 17, 2014 A discussion was held concerning dairy sustainability grant payments. The committee asked to bring issue back to Commissioner. Why is overall fund going down?

A discussion was held concerning GMO legislation on ballots in other states. Oregon and Colorado referendum were defeated. Maui, HI GMO labeling did pass and may affect seed companies on the island that grow and supply the seed for forages grown in CT.

Sign up for Milk Margin Protection scheduled for Friday, 11/28/14 but delayed until following week due to Thanksgiving Holiday and following day possible staff shortages.

A discussion was held about the Federal Court DFA settlement. Law offices have been contacting farmers to sign up with them in order to file claims. The practice is legal but not necessary. The Federal Market Administrator and Cooperatives are handling this for members, producers should be contacted by the Federal Market Administrator. Using a 3rd party law firm may result in producers needlessly giving up 30% of any award they are eligible for.

George Krivda gave the department update on proposed legislation, no decisions have been made at this time. Nothing new re: Federal Transportation bill and increasing permissible road weights of vehicles transporting agricultural commodities.

Wayne Kasacek will research if the board needs to be reappointed due to election. Since the Governor was reelected, do they need reappointment?

Agenda Item 8: Public comments. More discussion on GMO issue possibly coming up coming up in this year's legislative session.

Agenda Item 9: Motion to adjourn at approximately 10:10 am by Gregory Peracchio and 2nd by Peter Orr. Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Barrett-Walsh