



State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

14 Jul 16

Minutes
Regular Meeting 13 Jul 16

Present:

Steven K Reviczky, Commissioner
Neil Marcus
Jack Tiffany
Lucy Nolan

Gregory Peracchio
Peter Orr
Tracey Weeks, DPH

Absent:

Mae Schmidle
Jim Stearns

Michael Young

1. Meeting called to order 9:15 am.
2. Members introduced themselves
3. There was no correspondence
4. The minutes from the January 20, 2016 were discussed. Motion to approve was made by Neil Marcus, 2nd Jack Tiffany, the minutes were approved unanimously.
5. A discussion was held concerning the diversion of Community Investment Act (CIA) funding to the general fund. Diversion would effect all programs funded through the CIA including Dairy Sustainability grants.

A discussion was held on modification of the formula used by USDA to arrive at feed costs in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers. Costs vary by region with the Northeast having significantly higher costs than other parts of the country. This negatively impacts the usefulness of the Margin Protection Program to Northeast dairy producers even with the very low milk prices they are currently experiencing.

A discussion was held on GMO legislation currently in Congress. Senate had passed language that is being considered by the House.

A discussion was held concerning the E.coli O157 incident at a CT dairy farm. Dr. Sherman, CT DoAg updated the board on the final numbers of illnesses. The incident did not involve cheese manufactured by the farm. It was related to contact with the goats. Discussed the need for those who permit contact with farm animals to implement proper controls to reduce the risk of transmitting disease.

6. No old business

7. No new business

8. No public comment

9. Neil Marcus motion to adjourn, 2nd Jack Tiffany, motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned 10:40

approved 19 OCT 16
Wayne Rasacole