

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

MINUTES

SUNSHINE MEETING

April 1, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Via SKYPE Phone Conference

1. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chairman Rob Barley called the regular Sunshine Meeting of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to order at 1:00 P.M. via Skype Phone Conference. He opened with a prayer considering Covid-19 situation.

Secretary Hardbarger called the roll. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members:

Present: Chairman Robert Barley, Member James Van Blarcom.

Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Eberly, Esq., Steven Zalman, Jim Petrascu, Esq., Ron Mong, CPA (Herbein & Co.), Jason Statler, Esq. (PADC), Joe Montenegro, Esq. (PA Farm Bureau), Allen Warshaw, Esq. (PFMA), Wendy Yoviene, Esq. (PAMD), John Howard, Esq. (PDA), Marvin Beshore, Esq. (PADC)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. Acceptance of Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Sunshine Meeting.

B. Acceptance of Minutes of the March 19, 2020 Special Sunshine Meeting.

PRESENTED by: Chairman Barley

MOTION by: Member Van Blarcom

Moved to accept the minutes for the March 4, 2020 Sunshine Meeting, and accepted the minutes from the Special Sunshine Meeting of March 19, 2020. (*Note:* Minutes were prepared and distributed to the Board members for their review prior to the April 1, 2020 Sunshine Meeting). **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

Assenting: Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

Dissenting: None

3. PUBLIC INPUT (PERTAINING TO GENERAL ISSUES):

Mr. Arden Tewksbury expressed his concern for the grave situation at hand for farmers and asked all to be mindful of the continued dropping of prices ahead. This will hurt the farmers. Chairman Barley reiterated that the price drop is impacted by the Federal Milk Marketing order and not PMMB.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Official General Order A-1006 Emergency Order April 2020 Minimum Resale Prices.

DISCUSSION: Attorney Eberly stated that the title to the OGO-1006 would be corrected from its distributed format.

PRESENTED by: Chairman Barley

MOTION by: Member Van Blarcom

Moved to approve Official General Order A-1006 Emergency Order April 2020 Minimum Resale Prices as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

Assenting: Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

Dissenting: None

6. REPORT OF CHIEF COUNSEL:

DISCUSSION: Attorney Eberly stated that the Board has not met in executive sessions, but Chairman Barley and member Van Blarcom, have been in ongoing discussion with the current situation and are looking at what the Board can or can not do. There will be no deliberations nor official actions taken.

7. LEGAL CASE DISPOSITIONS

N/A

8. LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

1. Dilly Artisan Foods LLC Dealer

PRESENTED by: Attorney Petrascu

DISCUSSION: Attorney Petrascu presented that Dilly Artisan Foods LLC has submitted an application for a dealer license for 2019-2020. Applicant will purchase milk from individual producers. Applicant will manufacture cheese for sale to restaurants, and stores in Area 4. A bond has been provided. Appropriate staff has reviewed the application to ensure that adequate forms and fees have been received and are in order, and that the applicant has met the requirements of the Milk Marketing

Law. Board Staff recommends approval, and with Board approval of this application, a dealer license will be issued.

MOTION by: Member Van Blarcom

Moved to approve a dealer license to Dilly Artisan Foods LLC as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

Assenting: Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

Dissenting: None

2. North Mountain Farms, LLC Dealer

PRESENTED by: Attorney Petruscu

DISCUSSION: Attorney Petruscu presented that North Mountain Farms, LLC has submitted an application for a dealer license for 2019-2020. Applicant will purchase milk from its own individual producer/members. Applicant will sell bulk milk to a dealer in Area 4. A bond has been provided. Appropriate staff has reviewed the application to ensure that adequate forms and fees have been received and are in order, and that the applicant has met the requirements of the Milk Marketing Law. Board Staff recommends approval, and with Board approval of this application, a dealer license will be issued.

MOTION by: Member Van Blarcom

Moved to approve a dealer license to North Mountain Farms, LLC as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

Assenting: Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

Dissenting: None

9. REMINDERS:

PRESENTED by: Chairman Barley

<u>MEETING (s)</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Regular Sunshine Meeting	Wed. May 6, 2020	1:00 P.M.	309 – Ag Bldg.

<u>HEARING (s)</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
N/A			

DISCUSSION: Chairman Barley stated that the Board is looking for ways of helping farmers, processors, retailers, and consumers. He deferred to Secretary Hardbarger for her work/efforts in assisting all at this time.

Secretary Hardbarger mentioned that an email was sent to many industry folks, asking for any suggestions and ideas of how PMMB can be of help to the industry. She stated that staff are already looking at putting some procedures in place. The Board is looking to brainstorm anything suggested. There have been some calls, and or emails submitted, and they are all being added to a list for considerations as the Board and staff look to what they can do within the law.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Barley hearing no further matters to come before the Board, adjourned the meeting at 1:14 P.M.