

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

MINUTES

SUNSHINE MEETING

May 6, 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 moment of silence.

**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

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

A. Acceptance of Minutes of the April 1, 2020 Sunshine Meeting.

B. Acceptance of Minutes of the April 23, 2020 Special Sunshine Meeting.

**PRESENTED by:** Chairman Barley

**MOTION by:** Member Van Blarcom

Moved to accept the minutes for the April 1, 2020 Sunshine Meeting and accepted the minutes from the Special Sunshine Meeting of April 23, 2020. (*Note:* Minutes were prepared and distributed to the Board members for their review prior to the May 6, 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 Tewskbury** commended the Board for taking the lead in helping PA farmers get some extra money. It shows the good work the Board does, and especially in efforts of what happened in Washington 2 days later. It shows how PMMB is very much needed. He stated that in December 2019 there were 9141 dairy farmers, 721 produced 60% of milk, and 8420 produced 40% of milk. We need those producers and all the more reason we need to keep the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board going strong.

**Member Van Blarcom** thanked all the dairy co-ops, dealers, and those in the dairy industry, for the many milk give away that has taken place. There are several in the northern counties. A local church in his town is giving away 750 gallons of milk, and 750 blocks of cheese to people who are in need. Dairy co-ops and bottlers have stepped up to help with the giveaways. It is nice to see it happening.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. New fiscal year dates for Sunshine Meetings for 2020-2021

**PRESENTED by:** Chairman Barley

Wednesday, July 8, <b>2020</b>	1:00 PM	Farm Show Complex
Wednesday, August 5, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 202
Wednesday, September 2, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, October 7, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 202
Friday, November 6, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, January 6, <b>2021</b>	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, February 3, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, March 3, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, April 7, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 309
Wednesday, May 5, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 202
Wednesday, June 2, 2020	1:00 PM	Room 202

**MOTION by:** Member Van Blarcom

Moved to accept the next fiscal year dates for Sunshine Meetings for 2020-2021 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 had nothing to report.

**7. LEGAL CASE DISPOSITIONS**

N/A

**8. LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

1. Blendhouse, LLC Dealer

**PRESENTED by:** Attorney Petrascu

**DISCUSSION:** Attorney Petrascu presented that Blendhouse, LLC has submitted an application for a dealer license for 2019-2020. Applicant will bulk milk/cream products from dealers. Applicant will manufacture milk powder for sale to stores in Area 1 and 2. No bond is 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 Blendhouse, LLC as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Assenting:** Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

**Dissenting:** None

2. Curvin Rissler Dealer

**PRESENTED by:** Attorney Petrascu

**DISCUSSION:** Attorney Petrascu presented that Curvin Rissler has submitted an application for a dealer license for 2019-2020. Applicant will process and sell raw milk produced on own farm. Applicant will sell to stores in Area 6. A bond is not required. 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 Curvin Rissler as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley. Motion carried without dissent.**

**Assenting:** Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

**Dissenting:** None

3. Jason D. Rice Dealer

**PRESENTED by:** Attorney Petrascu

**DISCUSSION:** Attorney Petrascu presented that Jason D. Rice has submitted an application for a dealer license for 2019-2020. Applicant will process and sell raw milk produced on own farm. Applicant will manufacture cheese and yogurt for sale to stores in Area 2. A bond is not required. 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 Jason D. Rice as presented. **Seconded by Chairman Barley.**

**DISCUSSION:** Member Van Blarcom inquired if it was raw milk being used to make the cheese and yogurt? This was not defined on the application.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

**Assenting:** Chairman Barley, Member Van Blarcom

**Dissenting:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Chairman Barley asked if anyone had anything they would like to share.

**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: Secretary Hardbarger** commending the PMMB staff for all their work done since the pandemic started. **Chairman Barley** echoed her comments, and he also thanked Carol for all her work done, and for keeping things always running. He stated that he and Jim Van Blarcom are very pleased with the job she is doing. And the hope is that when the pandemic is done, we will have an appointee to the Board in her place.

**Member Van Blarcom** echoed Carol's and Chairman Barley's comments.

**Dep. Sec. Greg Hostetter** reiterated Governor Wolf's announcement in the opening of the 24 counties going to yellow, nothing much will change for the Commonwealth employees. No change within the office buildings, until we get into the green phase.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

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