

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board

MINUTES

SPECIAL SUNSHINE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

9:00 A.M. – Room 309 Ag Building
Harrisburg, PA

1. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chairman Luke Brubaker called the Special Sunshine Meeting of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to order at 9:15 A.M. in Room 309 of the Agriculture Building in Harrisburg, PA. Secretary Tim Moyer called the roll. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members:

Present: Chairman Luke Brubaker, Consumer Member Lynda Bowman, Member James Van Blarcom (*via telephone conference*)

Absent: None

Others Present: Doug Eberly, Esq., Andy Saylor, Esq., John Bell, Esq. (PA Farm Bureau), Earl Fink (PAMD), Marvin Beshore, Esq. (PADC), Carl Herbein, CPA (Herbein & Co.), Ed Schneider (Valley Farms), Wendy Yovienne, Esq. (PAMD), Allen Warshaw, Esq. (PFMA), John Pierce (Lehigh Valley)

2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Official General Order A-995 Over-Order Premium

PRESENTED by: Chairman Brubaker

MOTION by: Consumer Member Bowman

Moved to accept the Official General Order A-995 Over-Order Premium. **Seconded by Member Van Blarcom.**

DISCUSSION: Consumer Member Bowman stated that she considers it to be an honor to serve on the Board and is equally honored to serve with both Luke Brubaker and Jim Van Blarcom, as they are extremely caring individuals. Every time there is an Over-Order Premium hearing we all say that we don't know how we can help all dairy farmers, that it is very difficult to do as so many need help. We have to keep in mind the balance for the industry. It's going to be generous for some but not enough for others, but we felt that the Board came up with the best conclusion at this time.

Member Van Blarcom thanked all for their work and effort that was put into it. He expressed appreciation to all and for the testimonies which were very helpful.

Motion carried without dissent.

Assenting: Chairman Luke Brubaker, Consumer Member Lynda Bowman, Member James Van Blarcom

Dissenting: None

DISCUSSION: Chairman Brubaker stated that the parties will not all be satisfied with the decision. He stated that he felt good about what the Board did. He would love to give everyone 30 cents, or even 50 cents, but the Board's position is to listen to both sides, and not hurt the flow of milk in or out of the state. He hopes that this gives farmers a glimpse of hope that we are listening. Outside people don't hear the full discussion inside. This situation is a problem everywhere in the world. We looked at it all closely, and we believed we came up with the right decision at the present, for the 15 cents, and leaving that opportunity for an emergency hearing if needed. He thanked everyone for their good testimony.

3. REMINDERS:

PRESENTED by: Chairman Brubaker

<u>Sunshine Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Regular Sunshine Meeting	Wed – Oct. 5, 2016	1:00 PM	Rm. 202 - Ag Bldg.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Brubaker, hearing no further matters to come before the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM