

Connecticut Milk Production Board: Minutes March 31, 2010

In attendance: Jim Stearns, Joe Greenbacker, Peter Orr, Robert Jacquier, Paul Miller, F. Philip Prelli, Lucy Nolan
Guests: Steve Reviczky, CFBA, Andrew Samuelson, NE DRB; Robert Pellegrino, DoAg; Gabrielle Howe, CFBA;
Kristen Maritzos, EHC!; Dot Jacquier, CDIC; Mavis Collins, CDIC

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by chair Jim Stearns
2. Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting by Commissioner Prelli was seconded by Paul Miller and voted on unanimously.
3. CT Dairy Council Guest: Dot Jacquier and Mavis Collins from the Connecticut Dairy Council were invited to present to the board. They presented their by-laws and spoke to the costs of the Council, which includes cost of mileage and per diem reimbursement for events. They raise some of the funds and receive funding from the NE Dairy Council. NE Dairy funded \$9,000 last year, and this year they are budgeted to receive \$12,000.

The Board members discussed the funding of the CT Dairy Council and how they should be funded. They discussion centered on the inability to make a decision until the Board has our funding decided.

4. Discussion of funding: Joe Greenbacker reported that he spoke with Gary Wheelock of NE Dairy Council who said the CT Milk Promotion Board is not a qualified program and we need to become qualified for the Council to approve and give out funds. The Board decided to contact Michael Johnson, USDA Administrator of Milk Promotion and invite him to our next meeting to fully understand what we need to do to qualify and to answer any questions concerning the use of the funds once the legislation passes at the legislature allowing us to proceed with our funding.

Lucy Nolan made a motion to set up a sub-committee to look in to filling out the qualifications form to qualify the CT Milk Promotion Board. Paul Miller seconded. The Motion passed, with one abstention, Commissioner Prelli. Peter Orr and Joe Greenbacker were appointed.

5. Discussion of the "Implementer" : HB 5419, An Act Concerning Farms, Food and Jobs was JF'd out of the Environment Committee unanimously and has several more committee votes to go before [passage].
6. Public Comments: NE Dairy Promotion Board meetings will be held on 5/14, 7/26 and 9/30 in West Lebanon, NH at the Fireside Inn. They are looking for specific projects and programs. The Board will send a letter detailing our progress.
7. New Business: Invite Michael Johnson to speak to the Board. Mr. Orr and Mr. Greenbacker will extend the invitation.
8. Up-coming meetings: the August Meeting will be rescheduled to August 25th.
9. Adjournment: Commissioner Prelli moved to adjourn, Mr. Miller seconded, vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucy P. Nolan, Secretary

Date