

State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

11-Jan-10

Regular Meeting of the Milk Regulation Board
21-Oct-2009

Meeting Called to order at 10:12

Present:

MRB members

Neil Marcus
Joseph Ruwet
Mae Schmidle
Jim Stearns
Jack Tiffany
Tracey Weeks, DPH
F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner

Public

Herman Weingart
Amanda Freund
Dr. Bruce Sherman, DAG
Wayne Kasacek, DAG

Agenda Item 2: All present introduced themselves

Agenda Item 3: April, 29, 2009 minutes

Jack Tiffany moved to accept as presented, 2nd Joe Ruwet. Minutes accepted as written by unanimous consent.

Agenda Item 4: Reports

The Commissioner, reported on the status of the Dairy Sustainability grant payments

Commissioner reported on a Federal program to use 290 million dollars to purchase cheese and provide additional MILC payments to milk producers

Commissioner reported on the "Keep Local Farms Local" initiative.

Agenda Item 6: Old business

Commissioner spoke about current staffing and budgetary constraints

Agenda Item 7: New Business

No new business

Agenda item 8: public comment

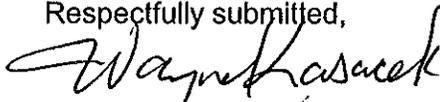
Neil Marcus spoke about a news article in his local paper.

Amanda Freund spoke about getting younger farmers involved in the process.
Jack Tiffany told the group that he has heard that current dairy crisis has banks considering foreclosure on several farms.

Herman Weingart told the group that the Justice Department is looking at the competitive situation in the Northeast and possible anti-competitive behavior by Dean Foods, Dairy Marketing Services and Dairy Farmers of America.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 by Mae Schmidle, 2nd by Neil Marcus, Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Kasacek
Clerk of the Board

approved 27-Jan-10