



State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
Milk Regulation Board

April 23, 2020

Minutes of the Milk Regulation Board
Regular Meeting April 22, 2020

Call to order 9:30 am

Members Present:

Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner
Tracey Weeks DPH Gregory Peracchio
Neil Marcus James Stearns
Michael Young

Also present: Wayne Kasacek DoAg, Kayleigh Royston DoAg, Paul Miller, Seth Bahler, Chris Cassiello

Introductions were conducted

No correspondence was received

The minutes of the Oct. 23, 2019 meeting were discussed. Motion to approve was made by Neil Marcus, 2nd by Jim Stearns. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Kayleigh Royston discussed the current status of pending appointments to the Milk Regulation Board. With the legislature out due to the pandemic, appointments are currently on hold.

Commissioner Hurlburt discussed a call with USDA Secretary Purdue and requests for dairy farmer relief as demand for milk has collapsed due to pandemic related closures of restaurants, schools and instructions. Farmgate milk prices are project to be in the \$12/cwt range.

The Paycheck Protection Act was discussed, and agricultural entities should apply.

Neil Marcus discussed Wade's Dairy moving back into home delivery as the pandemic has created a demand and their business is heavily dependent on institutional accounts that have dried up.

No old business

No new business

No public comments

Motion made to adjourn by Neil Marcus, 2nd by Jim Stearns. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:5 am.

Wayne Kasacek Clerk of The Board 23 APR 2020