

FINAL MINUTES

Milk Commission

Oliver Hill Building, Richmond, VA

February 12, 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Milk Commission, held at the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Oliver Hill Building, 102 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia in room 220.

THE COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Kenneth Smith, Chairperson; Crafton Wilkes, Administrator; Jessica Jones, Commissioner Gerald Heatwole, Commissioner; Kate Blair Farmer; Commissioner, Bruce E. Mayer; Commissioner, Robb Watters, Commissioner; Patrick Crawford, Commissioner; Dirk Holcomb, Dairy Auditor II; Robert Farrier Jr., Dairy Auditor II; and Shella Tillery, Administrative Assistant.

Kenneth Smith called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Kenneth Smith asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Gerald Heatwole so moved and Robb Watters seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

The Administrator gave a review of Class I sales summary and adjacent market prices.

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The Administrator discussed and presented documentation for the need to decrease the 2015 base allotments by 3.4137% in order that base will not exceed 108% of Class I sales. The Commission having considered all factors relative to the decrease of the 2015 base allotments and upon a motion by Jessica Jones and seconded by Gerald Heatwole the Commission approved all established bases for 2015. Management agreed to update the Commission during the year regarding base and sales. The amount of base for the months of June, July and August shall be equal to 92% of the established base for the remaining months of the year. The 2015 base allotments, in total by cooperatives, as listed below, are therefore, established for the existing baseholding producers, effective March 1, 2015:

	<u>2015 Base</u> <u>9 Month</u>
Cooperative Milk Producers Association	16, 524,529
Cumberland Valley M.P.A.	271,312
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Southeast	29,701,379
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Northeast	226,771
Independent	208,372

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Land O'Lakes, Incorporated	811,434
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Association	25,710,252
Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative	<u>114,135</u>
Total:	73,568,184

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Commission staff held technical hearings and/or tele-conference interviews with various firms applying for distributor licenses on all Virginia markets. The applicants all agreed to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission and there being no other evidence to the contrary. The Administrator recommended the granting, canceling &/or issuing of licenses as indicated below. Patrick Crawford abstained and Robb Watters made a motion to accept all the following changes, seconded by Gerald Heatwole, effective March 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Kenneth Smith asked if there was any comment from the public present. There was no public comment.

The next Commission meeting is September 8, 2015 at the Virginia Department of Forestry, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

Chairperson

Administrator