

Minutes of the Milk Sanitation Board

Thursday, April 2, 2015

The meeting of the Milk Sanitation Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Roger Tedrick in the Bromfield Building at the Ohio Department of Agriculture Campus. The following members were in attendance:

Mr. Robert (Bob) Troyer	Mr. Jim Stockert
Mr. Rocky Volpp	Mr. Tim Shipley
Mr. Roger Tedrick	Mr. Jamie Higley for Gene Phillips

Also in attendance are: Howard Wise, Assistant Director, ODA, Julie Phillips and Jim Patterson, Legal, ODA, Brian Wise, Dave Mengel, Keith Thompson, Jon Johns, Dairy Division, Scott Higgins, ODPa, Warren Taylor, Snowville Creamery, Ron Geiser and Alex Beard, Dairy Farmers of America.

Mr. Tedrick outlines the agenda for the meeting and indicated that other topics are open for discussion, as well as any questions.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Volpp moved to accept the Minutes from the December 11, 2014 Milk Sanitation Board Meeting. Mr. Stockert seconded and they were accepted by voice vote.

New Business

Board Member Appointments

Mr. Tedrick introduces Mr. Robert (Bob) Troyer, as the new board member. He will represent the manufacture grade milk processors. He has been at Bunker Hill Cheese for 26 years. It is a family business.

Dairy Division Budget and Staffing

Mr. Tedrick presented a quick capsule of how the industry fund, 4r20, is arrived at and invoiced to the processing segment of the industry. The 4r20 fund sits at \$174,195.85.

In addition, Mr. Tedrick outlined to the Board that FDA has helped the Dairy Division with a number of field and testing supplies. FDA will also, pay for Mr. Tedrick travel expenses to the NCIMS Conference in April.

Finally, the Dairy Division is working with HR to address future personnel needs. One of our farm inspectors will be leaving to move to Idaho. Another of our farm inspectors will take her region and we will need to fill the position for is region. This region includes Wayne, Holmes, Licking and Coshocton counties.

SB 1

Assistant Director Howard Wise brings the board up to date on this bill pertaining to: Manure/Nutrient Application.

FDA Program Review

Mr. Matt Pitts our FDA Milk Specialist has informed us “unofficially” that our dairy inspection program is in substantial compliance. This review is held every 3 years and was completed in early December. We now wait on the official write up. It will go directly to Director Daniels.

New Business

NCIMS and Committee Updates

Mr. Tedrick and Mr. Wise discussed several of the proposals that will be voted on at the NCIMS Conference later this month.

Labeling Update

Mr. Lowell Lufkin will be taking a new position with the Food Safety Division. He has been our labeling expert for some time and will be replaced by someone in house. They will be trained in FDA rules relative to labeling.

He mentions a new product Fairlife that is an ultra-pasteurized milk product. There are some issues with its label. They are refining their label and their claims, to become compliant.

Plant and Hauler Update

Mr. Mengel, Plant Section Supervisor, gave an update concerning new processing starts both large and small. The numbers seem to be increasing which increases the time devoted to consulting on start-up mandates.

The Meijer plant seems to be on-track to start processing in August.

Farm and WST Update

Mr. Thompson, Farm Section Supervisor, reported farm numbers. There are 2075 dairy farms this number is slightly higher than the last meeting secondary to seasonal re-starts. There are robots in 30 of these farms, with another in the works.

He informs that since the start of 2015 he has issued 77 WST licenses and 13 of these are already inactive.

Survey will have a presentation at the next meeting.

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Shipley to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Stockert. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next meeting is set for August 6, 2015; at the Ohio State Fair.