

Minutes of the Milk Sanitation Board

Thursday, August 6, 2015

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

Bob Troyer	Roger Tedrick
Denny Sidle	Amos Miller
Rocky Volpp	Jim Stockert
Tim Shipley	Jamie Higley for Gene Phillips

Also in attendance are: David Daniels, Director, ODA, Howard Wise, Assistant Director, ODA, Hanna Smith-Carr, Legal, ODA, Dave Mengel, Dairy Division, Scott Higgins, ODPA, 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. He also, informs the board that Brian Wise, Assistant Chief, will not be attending. He is attending FDA training on robotic milkers.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Troyer moved to accept the Minutes from the April 2, 2015 Milk Sanitation Board Meeting. Mr. Volpp seconded and they were accepted by voice vote.

New Business

Dairy Division Budget and Staffing

Mr. Tedrick informs the Board that the Dairy division has received an additional \$150,000 in GRF over the next 2 years. This \$75,000/ year will help with the general fund, but the industry fund has been depleted below what the Dairy Division typically has as a goal.

Mr. Tedrick mentions the need for an increase in the industry monthly fee. He outlines a few reasons and history of this fund:

- 1) New plants such as the Meijer plant in Tipp City and the Daisy Brand plant in Wooster will add significantly to the workload.
- 2) Numerous new on-farm processing startups have stretched our ability to inspect and sample on a timely basis.
- 3) The Dairy Division has put off purchasing vehicles for a few years and the fleet is aging and maintenance and safety issues are becoming apparent.
- 4) Approval of the State Union Contract brings with it an increase in salaries which had been frozen and indeed reduced during the past 8 years as Ohio dealt with recession.

With this as a backdrop, Mr. Tedrick proposed an additional \$11,000 per month be added to the pro-rated amount invoiced, initiating with September milk.

A good discussion followed with a number of follow up questions relative to the Dairy Division finances. It was then that Mr. Volpp moved to increase the industry fee an addition \$11,000 to be pro-rated over all processors during the applicable month. Mr. Troyer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Director Daniels

SB 1 & SB 150

Director Daniels welcomes the Milk Sanitation Board to the Ohio State Fair and mentions a number of new attractions and the overall benefit to agriculture.

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

Director Daniels shares with the Board that the Division of Soil and Water will now be under the ODA umbrella. They will start the process after the Ohio State Fair is finished.

FDA Program Review

Dairy division received a very good FDA Triennial report as the Division was found in substantial compliance and within the spirit of the intent of the PMO.

Legal Department

Hannah Smith-Carr hands out packets to all the members for review and signature. It is an acknowledgement of the Ethics, Conflict of Interest and financial Disclosure rules pertaining to member of state boards.

She also, informs that the dairy division is in process of the 5 Year rule review. This states that every 5 years the rules of each state agency must be reviewed. This will ensure that the rules will remain compliant and up to date.

New Business

NCIMS and Committee Updates

Mr. Tedrick discussed several of the proposals were voted on at the NCIMS Conference this past April. Most importantly the proposals relative to FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) and expanding drug residue testing into other drugs.

FSMA- Mr. Tedrick mentions the PMO was amended to accommodate most if not all component and tenants of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Listeria

The board discusses the listeria outbreaks and the effects on the industry.

ODA hosted a 1-day HACCP training. It was attended by the majority of licensed frozen dessert processors.

Plant and Hauler Update

Mr. Mengel, Plant Section Supervisor, gave an update concerning new processing starts both large and small.

Farm and WST Update

Mr. Tedrick states that between January and August 50 farms have quit producing. There are 32 farms with robots and another 4-5 ready to start. There are a total of 82 operating robots.

There were no public comments.

Next meeting is set December 10, 2015; at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Bromfield Building.

Adjourn

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