

COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2004

Minutes of the meeting of the Commission held at the Department of Forestry, Room 2063, Charlottesville, Virginia.

**THE COMMISSION:**

PRESENT: Mr. James Townsend, Commissioner; Mr. John Gillam, Chairperson; Kimberly Bridges, Commissioner; Lorna Daniels, Commissioner; Judy Barnard, Commissioner; Mr. Edward C. Wilson, Jr., Deputy Administrator; Mr. Rodney L. Phillips, Administrator, Carolyn Wells, Administrative & Office Specialist III; Sharon Seymore, Dairy Accountant Auditor, II; Michael Myatt, Cooperative Milk Producers Association; Mike Todd, Dairy Farmers of America and Allen O'Hara, Maryland Virginia Milk Producers. Absent, Toya Trayer.

John Gillam, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Gillam asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting Lorna Daniels moved and James Townsend seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

The Deputy Administrator gave a review of Class I sales summary and adjacent market prices. (see pages

The Administrator provided the training material for Conflict of Interests Act and Ethics in Public Contracting to the Commissioners and explained that they are required to complete the training and have their Financial Disclosure Statements back in the office by December 30, 2004.

The Deputy Administrator gave a report on the presumed cost delivery percentages and explained the regulatory requirements concerning the percentages. Sharon Seymore provided the outcome of the auditor's research. Lorna Daniels made a motion to approve changes, effective January 1, 2005, seconded by Kimberly Bridges, motion passed. (see pages

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. Lorna Daniels made a motion to accept all the following changes, seconded by James Townsend, effective January 1, 2005. Motion carried.

**Licenses Issue/Cancel/Re-issue:**

**ISSUE:**

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Type of License</u> | <u>Distributor</u>  | <u>Company Rep</u> | <u>Markets</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------|
| 312.000.1          | PGD                    | Trickling Springs Creamery, LLC<br>2330 Molly Pitcher Hwy South<br>Chambersburg, PA 17201 | Gerald Byers       | All            |

**CANCEL/RE-ISSUE**

**CANCEL**

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Type of License</u> | <u>Distributor</u>  | <u>Company Rep</u> | <u>Markets</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------|
| 205.001.2          | SD                     | Albert's Organics<br>P.O. Box 624<br>Bridgeport, NJ -08014-0624<br>Under: Chrome Dairy Farm<br>Oxford, Pennsylvania |                    | All            |

**RE-ISSUE**

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Type of License</u> | <u>Distributor</u>   | <u>Company Rep</u> | <u>Markets</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|
| 312.001.2          | SD                     | Albert's Organics<br>P.O. Box 624<br>Bridgeport, NJ 08014-0624<br>Under: Trickling Springs Creamery, LLC<br>Chambersburg, PA |                    | All            |

The Administrator reported that the Governor would announce appointment of the Secretary of Agriculture and Department of Forestry, December 19, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.

Judy Barnard reported that dairy farmers she has spoken to believes the prices of milk are not sufficient to maintain profitability. Ms. Barnard also expressed concern that at some point in time producers in her area consigned their milk commission base and asked if this could be verified. Staff asked if Ms. Barnard could determine the time period and names of producers that the record would be made available.

There was no public comment.

The next Commission meeting will be held at the Department of Forestry Office Building, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia to be held February 16, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Administrator