DAIRY STABILIZATION BOARD

***Tentative***MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA  70806

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kennon Davis, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUOROM**

Roll was called by LDAF Staff Blaire LeBlanc.

**Members present:** Members Absent:

Kennon Davis Sue Anne Cox

Bryan Stafford Joy Womack

Cal Simpson

Dantre Blanchard

Eric Lane

With five (5) members present, a quorum was declared.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – October 19, 2023**

Motion was made by Cal Simpson to approve the minutes for the October 19,2023 meeting. Bryan Stafford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. Director Mr. Simon gave a report on activities since the last meeting.
3. Senate Bill 290 by Senator Mizell did not make it out of committee this session.
4. Mr. Simon also reported on the coupons received and approved by the department.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Mr. Simon reported on the complaints received since the previous meeting which were:
      1. December 16, 2023 – P&A Coteau Mart, New Iberia, La. - They were placing ice cream in the wrong freezer and have corrected the issue.
      2. February 16, 2024 – Wal-Mart and Super One/Brookshire, Pineville & Monroe, La. - suspected selling of milk below cost complaint; the department verified that the pricing was within the regulations; allowed complainant to match pricing.
      3. March 14, 2024 – Super One locations in the Lafayette, La area. - were advertising Blue Bell Ice Cream at cost. The store issued retractions to correct the issue.
   2. Dr. Hutchinson gave an update on the Dairy industry. Currently there are 54 dairy producers, 6 producer processors, 8 organic and 7 independent producers.
   3. Mr. Bryan Stafford discussed a goat producer concerned with the effects of influenza and milk sales.
   4. Mr. Cal Simpson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the consideration of resolutions regarding the promulgations of rules on behalf of the board regarding ADA requirements for open meetings, petitions for declaratory orders, and requests for rule changes. Mr. Eric Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
      1. Ms. Bethany Gonzales, LDAF attorney, presented resolutions to the board authorizing LDAF legal department to promulgate rules on behalf of the board regarding open meetings and ADA requirements, petitions for declaratory orders and requests for rule changes. Ms. Gonzales explained that these rules are needed to comply with new laws affecting public bodies.
      2. Mr. Cal Simpson made a motion to approve the resolutions of the board:
6. Relative to the promulgation of rule relative to open meetings and ADA accommodations,
7. Relative to the promulgation of rule relative to Petitions for Declaratory Orders,
8. Relative to the Promulgation of Rule Relative to Requests for Rule Changes.

Mr. Eric Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting TBD

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cal Simpson and seconded by Bryan Stafford to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 A.M. Motion passed unanimously.

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Kennon Davis, Chairman