

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
(DATCP)
DAIRY RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DRAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 10, 2020

Time: 9:00AM – 2:30PM

Location: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, 2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, Wisconsin

Welcome and Introduction

Call to order:

Tim Anderson called meeting to order at 9:00AM

Attendees

Members in attendance include: Nelson Schrock, Katie Tuchalski, Lisa Torkelson, Peter Hesprich, Megan Jensen, Debi Towns, Tim Neubauer, Adam Brock, Andy Johnson, Helen Schmude, Mick Homb, Gloria Joseph, Jim Schwartz, Jeff Kirchberg, John Umhoefer, Drew Dewitz, Shelly Mayer, Bob Wills, Marianne Smukowski

Guest in attendance include: Elmer Schmucker, Steve Stoner, Laura Traas, Tim Anderson, Jackie Owens, Tyson Villarreal, Troy Sprecker, Amy Millard, Gordon Shea, Jim Pikka, Kate Angeles

Members not in attendance include: Jeremy Syring, Ben Shibler, Andrew Schmitt, Mykel Wedig, Tom Crave, James Baerwolf

Welcome by Angela James, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DATCP:

Angela wanted to express her thanks to everyone for their technical input to help DATCP's dairy program work better for industry.

Open meeting notice:

Tim Anderson stated the meeting was a public meeting and subject to public records request. Last meeting there was a request for an anti-competition clause. The committee will not be able to have this clause due to our open meeting law which allows the public to attend DRAC's meeting.

Approval of agenda:

Tim Anderson added a regulatory update after housekeeping.

Public comments:

There were no public comments or input from the public.

Housekeeping:

Break will be at 10:15 am and lunch will be at 11:45 am. Please feel free to step outside to take any phone calls.

Regulatory Update:

Governor Evers has recently signed two bills. One of the bills removes the requirement for the annual documentation verifying non-use of rBST. DATCP will send out more information about this bill in govdelivery. The other bill is relating to reciprocity for bulk milk weighing and sampling license in WI. In the past, the requirement was a Wisconsin license was needed to operate in Wisconsin. Now if an individual is licensed in a neighboring state, DATCP will honor that license.

Tim Anderson presented a regulatory update on DATCP dairy program and the dairy rules (**see FDA Dual-Grade Dairy Plant inspection Pilot Slides**). DATCP sent out a govdelivery about this update (**see Dairy Service Update: Wisconsin Participating in FDA and NCIMS Pilot Program for Dairy Plant Inspections**). Kate Angeles will send out a link for govdelivery so everyone can get signed up to receive communications from DATCP.

Voting for Chair and Vice Chair

Adam Brock (nominee for Vice Chair), Katie Tuchalski (nominee for Chair and Vice Chair), and Andy Johnson (nominee for Chair and Vice Chair) all gave a brief report of their experience and background in the dairy industry and their goals for the committee.

The committee voted for the Chair position at 9:25 am.

Laura Traas counted the ballots and a tie occurred (10 to 10) for the Chair position.

John Umhoefer made a motion to have the option of having 2 co-Chair positions in the committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Tim Anderson handed the meeting over to the co-Chairs Katie Tuchalski and Andy Johnson.

Andy Johnson made a motion to unanimously accept Adam Brock as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Establishing and Approving Operation Guidelines

The draft (version February 11, 2020) operational guidelines document was displayed for the committee to make any changes. There was no changes made to the name, scope, mission, statement of principles, and roles/responsibilities. There was a lot of discussion on how to handle the membership section of the guidelines. The committee determined the need to define the associations, stakeholders, and terms of each group within the committee.

John Umhoefer made a motion to start a sub-committee of five members to draft the operational guidelines for the membership section. The motion was seconded by Gloria Joseph. It was decided the sub-committee will meet before the next committee meeting. The sub-committee was approved. The sub-committee will consist of Megan Jensen, John Umhoefer, Mick Homb, Jim Schwartz, and co-Chairs Katie Tuchalski and Andy Johnson.

There were no changes made to the meetings section.

For the Voting and Conduct of Meetings, a motion was made by Debi Towns to leave the voting to a simple majority for the number of people that are present at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Schwartz and approved.

For the Officers section, a motion was made by Gloria Joseph to amend item to allow co-chairs. Megan Jensen seconded motion and passed.

The elections of Officers was deferred to the Membership sub-committee since this item refers to the Membership section.

John Umhoefer made a motion to add a statement to Meetings Section B indicating the Chair can approve non-voting, non DRAC member to serve on a sub-committee or task force. Gloria Joseph seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Shelly Mayer made a motion to amend section Changes in DRAC Operational Guidelines (Item A.a) to state changes require two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Debi Towns made a motion to approve the amended operational guidelines with the future Membership sub-committee guidelines. Tim Neubauer seconded motion and motion passed.

Break was at 10:41 am and meeting was resumed at 10:58 am

Build on ideas/interests from the first meeting

Tim Anderson reviewed the issues and ideas that were discussed at the DRAC meeting that was held on November 6th, 2019. **See DRAC Priority Areas Summary Slides.**

Agitation Studies Presentation

Laura Traas presented information on designing an agitation study (see **Agitation study design slides**). Laura discussed different variables a person should consider when designing an agitation study. She is available to meet with companies that want to design a study. Once the study is complete, Laura will blind all data received and compile the results.

The committee stopped for lunch at 11:51 am and began at 12:21 pm

Single Farm Loads Presentation

Steve Stoner presented a concept on how to approach single farm pick-ups and appreciates any feedback the committee can give to DATCP. (see **SingleFarmPickUpDRAC3-2020 slides**). Currently DATCP's rules focus on bulk milk tankers and the rule defines silos as bulk tanks. As farms are getting bigger, DATCP will need to address this and may need to change the rule.

Prioritize and select sub-committees

The committee decided on the following sub-committees:

- Truth in Labeling: Adam Brock, Bob Wills, Debi Towns, John Umhoefer, and Shelly Mayer
- Single Farm Pick-up: Dean Hines/Peter Hesprich, Tim Neubauer, and Jim Schwartz
- Cooling Temps of Raw Milk: Helen Schmude, Gloria Josphe, Lisa Torkelson, and Nelson Schrock/Elmer Schmucker, and Mark Frederixon/Drew Dewitz

If the sub-committees decided they need participation from a non-committee member, please get approval from the co-chairs. Each sub-committee will be giving time on the agenda for the next meeting to give a report.

Summary of Action Items and Person(s) Responsible

The next meeting will be June 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 am and will be held at Foremost Farms in Baraboo.

Kate Angeles will send out reimbursement forms for expenses occurred for the meeting. Kate will also send out a link so members can sign up for the govdelivery

Tim Anderson thanked everyone for participating and moving forward with this Committee. NADRO will be held in Madison in July. The meeting goes from Sunday through Wednesday. Regulators will be meeting to discuss hot topics and industry is invited to attend and give feedback.

John Umhoefer motioned to adjourn meeting. Gloria Joseph seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.