

Minutes for Regular Meeting: Utah Dairy Commission

11/12/2024 | 09:45 AM - Mountain Time

Boise Centre | 850 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702 | Suite 200 -OR- 4315 So. 2700 W. | TSOB
South Building, Floor 2 | Taylorsville, UT 84129

Attendees

Utah Dairy Commissioners present:

David Roberts, Kaleb Bateman, Landon Wiser, Sheila Sherwood, Daniel Buttars, Chet Hansen, Trevor Wayment, Chace Fullmer, Mitch Hancock

Utah Dairy Commissioners absent:

None

Others present:

Alyson Otten, Randy Fitzgerald, Pam Fry, Steve Doxey, Crystal Wilson, Lacey Papageorge, Bryce Chambers, Jenny Nelson, Jason Kajkowski

Convene the Utah Dairy Commission Meeting

Chairman David Roberts called the UDC meeting to order at 9:52 AM MT.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Roberts called for any amendments to the agenda and if none, a motion to approve. Commissioner Sheila Sherwood moved to approve the agenda without amendment. Commissioner Kaleb Bateman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Roberts called for any corrections to the July 31, 2024 Joint Meeting minutes and if none a motion to approve. Commissioner Daniel Buttars moved to approve the July 31, 2024 Joint Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roberts called for any corrections to the July 31, 2024 UDC Meeting minutes and if none a motion to approve. Commissioner Trevor Wayment moved to approve the July 31, 2024 UDC Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Daniel Buttars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Utah Division Directors on the Dairy West Board

Steve Doxey (Bennett Tueller Johnson Deere LLC) explained the appointment of Utah division directors to the Dairy West Board. Mr. Doxey reminded the board that David Roberts was elected UDC Chairman during the July Board Meeting. As UDC Chairman, David Roberts is automatically appointed as a Director on the Dairy West Board.

Mr. Doxey called for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 confirming the appointment of Chairman Roberts, Chair of the Utah Dairy Commission, to the Dairy West Board, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2027, unless he is sooner terminated as UDC Chair. Commissioner Chace Fullmer moved to approve Resolution 2024-03 confirming the appointment of Chairman Roberts to the Dairy West Board, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2027, unless he is sooner terminated as UDC Chair. Commissioner Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review UDC Expenditures & Financial Report (June - September 2024)

On behalf of Jason Kajkowski (VP of Finance, Dairy West), Crystal Wilson (VP of Employee Engagement and Development, Dairy West) presented expenditures and financials for June - September 2024.

Chairman Roberts called for a motion to ratify and approve the financial reports and expenditures for June - September 2024. Commissioner Landon Wiser moved to ratify and approve the financial reports and expenditures for June - September 2024. Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Representatives from neither Dairy Producers of Utah (DPU) nor the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food were in attendance. No reports were given.

There was conversation around the overall commitment level from Dairy Producers of Utah regarding the DPU Assessment. Pamela Fry (Director of Finance, Dairy West) expressed to the board the importance of all producers sending their assessment paperwork in.

Bryce Chambers (Director of Industry Relations, Dairy West), let the board know that it is a priority for Dairy West to build and strengthen the relationship with DPU and processors in the area going forward. Planning has begun for a roundtable discussion in Q1 of 2025.

Introduction of Dairy West Interim CEO

Chairman Roberts began by expressing the appreciation the Utah Dairy Commission has to be part of Dairy West and acknowledged the work that Dairy West does promotionally. He acknowledged the recent transitions and reminded the board who from UDC serves on the Dairy West Executive Committee. Chairman Roberts wanted to reaffirm that Dairy West is committed to continue to build the trust and relationships between producers and farmers.

Commissioner Chace Fullmer spoke to what is to be expected moving forward. Jenny Nelson will be the interim CEO and will stay with Dairy West to maintain a smooth transition to when a new CEO is hired. A strong focus for the organization will be to make strong commitments to partnerships and relationships.

Commissioner Fullmer reintroduced Ms. Nelson to the board. He commented on her history working with UDC and that she is familiar with many of the people in the room and the industry. Commissioner Fullmer expressed his appreciation and excitement to Ms. Nelson for agreeing to step in and help with moving forward.

Ms. Nelson stated her excitement to be back working with the farmers and is excited for the direction Dairy West is headed.

Commissioner Fullmer expressed his confidence in the decisions of and direction the Dairy West Executive Committee is going and urged anyone to ask him questions if they have any.

Dairy Promotion Open Discussion

Chairman Roberts opened the floor for general dairy promotion discussion. Commissioner Sherwood asked for updates around the economic study that Sara Dorland was working on. Jason Kajkowski (VP Finance and Operations, Dairy West) let the room know when he connected to Ms. Dorland last, her intention is to have the study complete by the January Utah Dairy Convention date.

Commissioner Fullmer brought up a concern around the bird flu and testing and stated it is something to be aware of. Commissioner Sherwood shared with the room learnings from meetings last week with the Colorado state veterinarian.

Chairman's Report

No report was given.

Adjourn

Chairman Roberts called for a motion to adjourn the Utah Dairy Commission meeting.

Commissioner Buttars moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fullmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM MT.

Additional Meeting Resources

Zoom video conferencing technology was employed and operational during the Utah Dairy Commission Meeting. The meeting was recorded.

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Secretary