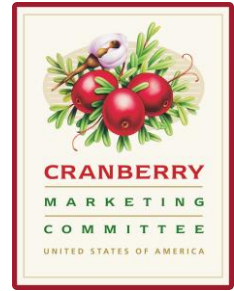


2017 CONFERENCE CALL OPEN MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2017



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

A CMC industry conference call was called to order by Chairman Rezendes on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 10:05 am EST. The Chair requested the Administrative Assistant, Dotty Pipher to call the roll. The Chair seated Kevin Hatton for Frank Glenn as the District 4 member for the major marketing co-operative. Executive Director Hogan reported neither public member was on the call; therefore the committee would need 10 affirmative votes to pass a motion. Also present on the call were Doris Jamieson, the CMC's USDA Marketing Specialist, and Chris Nissen, the USDA's Regional Director.

<u>Member</u>	<u>P/A</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>P/A</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>P/A</u>
Adrienne Mollor	P	Larry Harju	P	George Rogers	P
Parker Mauck	P	Jim Rezendes	P	Dawn Gates-Allen	A
Stephen Lee	P			Joe Darlington	P
Tom Gerber	P			William Poinsett	A
Vicki Nemitz	P	Jim Van Wychen	A	Gary Jensen	A
Jill Amundson	P	David Bartling	P	Martin Potter	P
George Bussmann	P			Ron Puhl	A
Frank Glenn	A			Kevin Hatton	P
Alex Ells	P			Jesse Rezin	P
Thomas O'Guinn	A			D. Steven White, Ph. D	A

The Chairman began the conference call with the rules of order as follows: discussion will be opened to the CMC Board members, followed by the public audience participating throughout the duration of the call. Chairman Rezendes explained the reason for today's call is to review, discuss and approve the forms created by the Volume Regulation forms subcommittee; members include; Parker Mauck, Steve Berlyn, Mike Viano, John Tickell, Jesse Rezin, and Michelle Hogan. In addition to the approval of forms developed there was discussion on the inspection process for fruit disposal for the handler withholding program. Chairman Rezendes asked Mr Mauck to explain each of the forms. Following the description and requirements for each form, the Chairman asked the committee if there were any questions, followed by the public attendees. The forms reviewed in detail included;

1. *Handler Withhold Report* used to report the total quantity of cranberries acquired by the handler, withheld cranberries and the disposition of withheld cranberries during a year of a handler withhold volume regulation. This form will be due to the CMC on June 1.
2. *Handler Disposal Certification* which will be used to document the actual disposal of excess fruit.
3. *Handler Withholding Conversion* is a worksheet to aid in the conversion of cranberry products to barrels.

4. *Handler Application for Outlets for Excess Fruit* will only be used if a handler wants to dispose of their fruit to an alternative outlet as described on this form. These would be submitted to the CMC for approval or denial prior to disposal.
5. *Third Party Confirmation of Receipt of Excess Fruit* form will be used by the receiving party receiving excess fruit.
6. *Handler Withhold Appeal* form is wide in scope and will be needed to submit an appeal to the CMC for approval on any adverse determination made by the Committee.
7. *Handler Final Withholding* form is a summary report due August 31 stating how the handler complied with all their requirements for disposal of excess fruit.

Chairman Rezendes noted that all forms and handler worksheets will be available on the website for review. After hearing no questions from the committee or the industry attendees the Chair noted he would entertain a motion to accept all of the forms previously reviewed to be submitted, in draft form, to the USDA for approval. **Ms. Amundson motioned to approve the 2017 volume regulation forms as presented. Seconded by, Ms. Nemitz.** The Chairman commented since the forum is a conference call a roll call vote will be required. The motion passed with a vote of 11 for, 1 abstained and the balloting was as follows:

Yes	No	Abstain
Ms. Amundson		
Mr. Bartling		
Mr. Bussmann		
Mr. Ells		
Mr. Gerber		
Mr. Hatton		
Mr. Harju		
Mr. Lee		
Mr. Mauck		
Ms. Mollor		
Ms. Nemitz		
		Mr. Rezendes
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The second item on the agenda was to review the Inspection process. Chairman Rezendes noted it is not conceivable to finalize this process today, but in open session it is necessary to discuss the subject and move it as far along as possible. Mr. Mauck, as a member of the Volume Regulation Subcommittee, began the discussion on the criteria of fruit to be disposed, frequency of inspections and the certification that will be required.

A lengthy discussion on the disposal process continued with several questions from both the committee members and the public audience. Concerns were raised on the timing to implement the program since harvest has already begun, and how or why the handlers would dispose of fruit without knowing if the USDA will adopt the volume regulation.

Executive Director Hogan stated she would be looking into hiring a seasonal/part time compliance auditor to manage the field inspection process for the handler withholding, the producer allotment volume regulation for 2018 and to possibly conduct handler audits. Ms. Jamieson offered to provide a job description from other marketing orders that have compliance personnel. Several of the committee members agreed that Ms. Hogan's request was valid.

An Appeals Sub Committee was formed that will handle appeals as well as have oversight of the disposal process. Those that volunteered were Steve Lee, Vicki Nemitz, Larry Harju, and Chairman Rezendes.

Mr. Harju motioned to adjourn the conference call. Seconded by, Mr. Gerber. Motion was carried unanimously.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mears
Recording Secretary