

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

The CMC 2018 Summer Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rezendes on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 8:40 a.m. at the Westin, Mount Laurel, NJ. Prior to the start of the meeting Chairman Rezendes asked that each member of the Committee sign the acceptance letter in front of them and return to Doris Jamieson, the CMC's USDA Marketing Specialist. The Chair requested the CMC's Executive and Financial Assistant to call roll, and Ms. Mears reported a quorum was present. Chairman Rezendes seated Mr.

<u>Member</u>	P/A	<u>Member</u>	P/A	<u>Alternate</u>	P/A
Larry Harju	Р	George Rogers	Р	Adrienne Mollor	Р
Jim Rezendes	Р	Dawn Gates-Allen	Р	Parker Mauck	Р
Stephen Lee	Р			Joe Darlington	Р
William Poinsett	Р			Tom Gerber	Р
Vicki Nemitz	Р	Wayne Gardner	Р	Jim Van Wychen	Р
Martin Potter	Р	David Bartling	P	Jill Amundson	Р
Kevin Hatton	Р			Jack Stein	Р
Doug Rifleman	Р			Michael Viano	Р
Ron Puhl	P			Nick Puhl	Р
Thomas O'Guinn	P			D. Steven White, Ph. D	Р

Mauck as the District 1 Independent voting member in his place for this meeting.

Doris Jamieson provided the Committee with the Anti-Trust Guidelines and gave a training presentation of Agricultural Marketing Orders 101 for all Committee members.

The Chair began the meeting by reviewing the rules of order. Chairman Rezendes requested a motion for the slate of new officers. Mr. Bartling motioned to elect George Rogers as Chair; Parker Mauck as Vice-Chair; Stephen Lee as Secretary/Treasurer and Jim Rezendes as the most recent past chair. Seconded by, Ms. Nemitz. The motion carried unanimously.

APCQ UPDATE

Kevin Connolly, APCQ General Manager and President of the Quebec Growers Association gave an update on the Quebec cranberry industry, items discussed included;

- Quebec's projected cranberry production for 2018 is approximately 10,000 acres, an increase of 141 acres from the prior year
 - Quebec's average production is expected to be 180 barrels per acre

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- In 2018, production of certified organic acreage has reached 1/3 of total acres, up approximately 638 acres over the previous year
 - New acreage projections for 2019 is approximately 219 organic and 200 conventional acres totaling 419 new acres overall
 - Estimated production for the 2018 CY is 2.28 million barrels
 - Due to the tariff situation, growers are being encouraged to plant. Calls have been made from our markets to Canadians for fruit.

Mr. Connolly concluded his presentation with a brief update on the APCQ's marketing program efforts which include upgrades to their website and the development of several 10-15 second video clips to be aired on various social media platforms.

MARKETING POLICY AND VOLUME REGULATION DISCUSSIONS

- Parker Mauck lead the Committee review of the industry overview and the Q2 & Q3 Position Summary Reports for CY'2017. The Committee completed the marketing policy with a total US production estimate of 9.2 million barrels and an estimated carry-over as of August 2018 of 7.8 million barrels. Additional items of discussion were as follows:
 - The President has approved \$12 billion in additional funding grants for agricultural products that are being affected by the ongoing tariff retaliation issue
 - When comparing this cycle report to previous cycle reports, the reason behind the dramatic increase in sales is due to a processor that for many years had provided inventory data to the CMC will no longer do so because of the Handler Withholding volume regulation. Previously all producer-handlers and handler companies that sold to this handler reported these transfers as inter-handler transfers. With this change in reporting, any producer-handler or company that sells fruit to this processor is now reporting these transfers as sales instead of an inter-handler transfer.
 - An adjustment of 400k bbls have been removed from foreign sales and put into shrink, due to an
 error in reporting by one handler.
 - The 2017 Handler Withhold impact on inventory has removed 792K bbls.
- Based on the proposed 2018 Producer Allotment volume regulation an estimated 1.276 million
 barrels is expected to be removed from carry-over inventory.

The following is the estimated state production as developed by the Committee. Following this portion of the marketing policy discussion, the Committee developed the 2018 Crop Year Marketing Policy which reflects the impact of the 2108 Producer Allotment volume regulation that will be implemented this harvest season. A point to note is the difference between the Committees' state projections and the amount of estimated domestic production which reflects the 25% of restricted fruit on regulated handlers.*

2018 CROP YEAR MARKETING POLICY

Domestic Production (Averaged)	Committee Forecast August 2018
	Bbls
Massachusetts	2,150,000
New Jersey	503,000
Wisconsin	5,900,000
Oregon	525,000
Washington	160,000
TOTALS	9,238,000
	Bbls
Carry-In as of 09/01/2018	7,394,000
Production & Acquired	
Estimated Domestic Production	7,962,000
Estimated Foreign Acquisitions	1,767,000
Total Production & Acquisitions	9,729,000
Available Supply	17,123,000
Estimated Shrinkage	
2% of Carry-In	148,000
4% Est. of Production/Acquisitions	389,000
Shrinkage	537,000
Adjusted Supply	16,586,000
Utilization	
Fresh Fruit	330,000
Processing Fruit	9,658,000
Total Sales/Usage	9,988,000
Estimated Adjusted Carryover 08/31/19	6,598,000

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NEW/OLD BUSINESS

CRANBERRY INSTITUTE UPDATE

- Terry Humfeld, the Cranberry Institute's Executive Director, provided an update to the Committee including;
- The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will meet via conference call in September 2018.
- Updates were provided on completed and ongoing health research projects that the CMC has
 contributed to as an industry funding partner.
 - Mr. Humfeld informed the committee of his plans to retire in December of 2019.

HEALTH RESEARCH UPDATE

- Dr. Amy B. Howell provided an update on "Phase 2" of the H.pylori suppression study. Updates are as follows:
 - Cranberry products to be used in the study just cleared customs the morning of this presentation and will be delivered to Beijing Cancer Hospital for transport to Lingu County.
 - Phase II has been registered with the World Health Organization (WHO)
 - This phase of the health study will build upon the data from Phase I project
 - The timeline of the study will begin in 2 weeks and will conclude the end of October.
 - Following the conclusion of the study, analysis of the data will take approximately 4 weeks.
 - A final report is expected in late December 2018.
 - Media and publication would then be approximately an additional 3 to 4 months after completion.

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CLINICAL SCIENCE ACTIVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

- Louise Pollock, President of Pollock Communications gave a brief overview of the proposed communications activities following the completion of the study. Communication efforts include;
 - Work with agencies in China and India to develop activities in their respective regions
- Pollock Communications will review and approve invoices and coordinate all progress and final reports
- Pollock Communications will develop all news releases as well as FAQ's to address inquiries from the media.

Once a positive report is published, promotional activities would be coordinated in the U.S.,
 China, and India.

TRADE POLICY ISSUES UPDATE

Matt Lantz, BCI provided an update on the developments in our target export markets as a result of the tariff retaliation issue and MRL issues that the CMC are currently addressing.

TARIFF ISSUES

- The new EU cranberry concentrate tariff went into place on June 22, 2018 at 25%. Chilean and Canadian concentrate still enter this market duty free. The EU tariff on US dried cranberries for further processing remains duty free for the time being. CMC will continue to track this issue.
- China has released a tariff retaliation list in response to US actions on steel and aluminum and technology tariffs from the US. Therefore, US dried cranberries now enter China with a 40% tariff while Canadian and Chilean tariffs continue to enter at 15%.
- NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) discussions are ongoing between the U.S.
 Mexico and Canada. We remain optimistic that a resolution can be met in order to avoid an increase in tariffs for cranberry products to these important trading partners.
- The TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) is expected to move forward with Canada and Mexico. TTP was negotiated by the previous administration but never signed; therefore the current administration was able to withdraw from the original agreement. It is the hopes of the current administration to begin discussions regarding new free trade agreement with key TPP members.

TRADE POLICY ISSUES

- The EU is moving ahead with their chemical evaluations and effective November 10, 2018 if a chemical product is deemed hazardous, or an endocrine disruptor it will be withdrawn from the market. This change in policy will affect 64% of imports into the EU including cranberry.
- As soon as the EFSA (European Union Food Safety Authority) deems a product hazardous it will take approximately 2 years before the MRL will be removed. However once it's published, removal of the product is 6 months.
- In April of this year, the MRL for Quinclorac was not accepted by Codex. Dr Harris of Exponent
 advised the MRL Subcommittee that in her opinion it had a less than 50/50 chance of being
 successful without new data testing. The MRL subcommittee met and decided to conduct other
 additional studies for Quinclorac. A USDA/TASC grant application has been submitted to fund

- this new study and if approved, the study will be conducted in 2019. A package will then be developed for an EU in 2020, with the expectation of a decision in 2022/2023.
- Work continues with the Korean MRL submissions prior to the implementation of the new Korean MRL system set to begin January 1, 2019. If no MRL is currently established prior to that date, the compound will go away. As of August 1st, 2018, 14 cranberry MRL's have been established. Several others have either been submitted or are in the process. Mr Lantz reported if all goes as planned, there will be 31 MRL's established in Korea prior to their January 1, 2019 deadline.

136 MINUTES

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- The February 12th and 13th, 2018 meeting minutes and May 31st, 2018 conference call minutes were reviewed.
- Mr. Lee moved to accept the February 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by, Mr. Poinsett. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Harju moved to accept the meeting minutes from the May 31, 2018 conference call as presented. Seconded by, Ms. Nemitz. Motion carried unanimously.
- 146 Ms. Amundson requested that going forward, the recording secretary note all changes made to the budget be noted immediately following the changed item, and not as a foot note.

149 FINANCIALS

Mr. Rezendes reviewed the financials from September 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018. Mr. Harju motioned to approve the financial statements as presented. Seconded by, Ms. Gates-Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

154 **STAFF REPORT**

- Michelle Hogan, the CMC's Executive Director began her report by thanking Doris Jamieson, the CMC's USDA Marketing Specialist for her respectful understanding with regards to the affects of the current and ongoing volume regulation issues the CMC office has been experiencing. Additional items discussed were as follows:
 - Appreciation and recognition was given to her staff, the many consultants, and industry members
 for their continuous efforts and support especially during the ongoing volume regulations coupled
 with the retaliations.
- An AMS Internal Controls/Government Compliance Audit was conducted on May 22nd and 23rd,
 2018 covering the last 2 ½ years. All but one of the 55 spot check activities reviewed were fully
 compliant, with the 1 being two receipts were missing from credit card statements. One
 recommendation the auditor suggested is to have the internal controls policy, e-compliance plan,

and employee handbook reviewed and approved by the committee during the August meetings annually.

In closing, Ms. Hogan followed up with the Formal through Informal rulemaking request to add the authority to accept voluntary financial contributions to the marketing order. The final rule is making its way through the USDA review process and the referendum is expected to take place in October of this year. In addition, Ms Hogan expressed the importance that all handlers and growers fill out in its entirety and return their ballots for the voluntary contributions referendum ballot.

Following the Executive Directors Staff Report update, Chairman Rezendes requested a motion to accept the three documents from the staff report. Mr. Rogers moved to accept the 3 plans as presented in the book consisting of the e-compliance plan; internal controls policy; and the employee handbook. Seconded by, Mr. Poinsett. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Committee moved into Executive Session at 2:45 pm.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018

Chairman Rezendes called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and requested Ms. Mears call the roll. Chairman Rezendes stated members seated the prior day would remain seated through the duration of the meeting and reported a quorum was present.

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Thomas O'Guinn, Ph. D	P			D. Steven White, Ph. D A	Р

Chairman Rezendes reported out of Executive Session as follows:

 A discussion and vote on directing Executive Director Hogan send a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture requesting his help in expediting a final rule on our 2018 Producer Allotment volume regulation.

- Over the next month members of the Committee would like to schedule a meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture.
 - Salary adjustments

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INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAM UPDATE

- 195 Updates and recommendations for the International Promotion Program were given by Sarah Gelpi196 Hooker and David McCaleb, of Bryant Christie, Inc. Included in the presentation were highlights and
 197 activities for each of the target markets, results of the individual programs, key initiatives, results of
 198 handler interviews and the proposed budgets for CY2019. Throughout the presentation Mr McCaleb
 199 and Ms Gelpi-Hooker provided additional details, as questions were raised by the Committee members
 200 and the audience. Additional reports on the International Promotion Program included;
 - Overall exports are up 4%, while Mexico, Korea, and China are down.
 - India is a fast growing market with a great deal of opportunity
 - During the handler interviews there was support for the CMC's shift to China & India however there was concern on how challenging the India market is to penetrate.
 - Many handlers stressed the importance of a focus on the health benefits of cranberries, as well as promoting concentrate.
- 207 Key initiatives presented included;
 - Promote health benefits
 - The launch of our International Newsletter on a monthly basis that will help keep handlers informed on CMC activities and target market opportunities
 - Continue to utilize all grant program opportunities
- Modify strategies as needed in response to the global challenges the industry currently faces
 regarding trade policy issues and the effects on our key target markets
- 215 An extensive discussion was held regarding the China market including;
 - Laws governing foreign Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's).
- Regulations pertaining to health claims.
- Among the in-country trade there is an overall hesitancy to work with US organizations
- 220 Ms Gelpi Hooker presented possible short-term funding options using a multi-prong approach due to the 221 recent unforeseen issues. Various recommendations were:
- Exploring if CMC could roll-over funds from China into 2019.

- Perhaps divert a small portion to India to enhance the remaining 2018 activities.
- Continue with existing markets of Pan Europe, Mexico and South Korea though the calendar year.
- Conducting market research in new markets such as the Middle East or Southeast Asia or other markets as indicated by the handlers as prospective markets during their interviews.
- After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Rogers moved to have our consultants at BCI over the next few weeks find out if the USDA would approve a rollover of funds from 2018 to 2019, and delay decision until then on the unused \$250K funds currently budgeted for China. Seconded by, Ms. Gates-Allen.
- 230 Motion was carried unanimously.

- 232 Ms Gelpi-Hooker presented the CY'2019 proposed international marketing budget to the Committee.
- 233 Chairman Rezendes stated as discussed in the previous day's meeting, the officer's committee felt the
- 234 need to keep a minimum of \$100k in each market for health promotional activities following completion
- of the H. pylori study. During discussions a Committee member let it be known that BCI should fully
- 236 understand this is the committee's intention and that the in-country marketing representatives from China
- and India will be notified these funds are to be held for this specific purpose.

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- Mr. Mauck moved to allocate \$150K in China and \$100K in India to be set aside for potential use for
- communication of the study results. Seconded by, Mr. Harju. Motion was carried unanimously.

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- COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING UPDATE
- 243 Karen Cahill, CMC's Communications and Marketing Specialist reported the majority of her time has been
- 244 spent developing communications for the volume regulation via mailings, emails, posting updates to
- 245 website, and updating the grower organizations through their newsletters.
- 246 Another area of focus for Ms. Cahill was the development of the of the new website which launched in
- June 2018. Highlights of the new website include:
 - The website's platform is Wordpress, a universally known website building platform that allows
- the CMC flexibility to control future edits and changes without the need for an intermediary
 - Mobile and tablet integrated
 - Visually more appealing and friendly, simplifying the process of finding information
- High resolution images for recipes, including the ability to share items on an individual's own social
- 253 media
- New retail section where content can be utilized for in-store promotions

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258 DOMESTIC PROMOTION PROGRAM UPDATE

- Alexandra Oppenheimer of Pollock Communications provided an update on the Domestic Promotion Program for 2017/2018 and presented the 2018/2019 Domestic Program recommendations and budget. CMC activities included;
 - Partnering with ChefsFeed in creating a Hispanic video timed for summer
 - Partnered in creating a retailer database of resources and recipes with Ms. Cahill, and announced the new retail section of CMC website to 65 supermarket registered dieticians, 32 retailers and 7 regional Texas supermarket dieticians that have a large Hispanic consumer base.
 - Attended the School Nutrition Association conference in Las Vegas, NV in July for foodservice professionals.
 - Pollock Communications objectives and recommendations for 2018-2019 include;
 - A Spring/Summer media blitz for All AmeriCran Summer BBQ series
 - Desk side meetings with print editors in the U.S.
- 271 Secure a "foodie"
 - Conduct outgoing media outreach
 - Attend the SNA (School Nutrition Association) in St Louis, MO July 14-16, 2019
 - Summer retail promotion with 3 to 5 retailers: Jewel Osco, Redner's, Big Y
- In closing Ms. Oppenheimer's presentation, she provided additional tactics that the Committee may want to consider which included;
 - An interactive social media campaign for the All American Summer BBQ Series
 - Fresh cranberry promotions with Coborn's
- Develop new school service recipes featuring cranberries

After a discussion regarding the domestic budget, recommended the establishment of a new subcommittee to review and recommend any changes to the current promotion domestic program to the full Committee at our February 2019 for the domestic program for 2019-2020. Members of the

Committee and audience volunteering to participate on the subcommittee included Steve White, Tom

O'Guinn, Steve Berlyn, Vicki Nemitz, Mike McManama and Mike Viano. Staff members and our

consultants from Pollock Communications will also participate on the subcommittee.

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Mr. Rogers motioned to approve the Domestic Program budget as presented with the intent to revisit the Domestic promotion activities and direction, and form a subcommittee that will utilize the expertise and knowledge of CMC's Public Members. A recommendation will be put forth to the full Committee at its' February 2019 meeting. Seconded by, Ms. Nemitz. Motion was carried unanimously.

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MARKETING POLICY AND VOLUME REGULATION DISCUSSIONS - CON'T

Chair Rezendes asked if there were any additional recommendations or comments regarding a volume regulation recommendation for 2019. Although carry-over inventories are decreasing the Committee decided to wait until the 2018 final rule is published and harvest is complete for any further discussions regarding future volume regulations. If necessary, the Committee can schedule a conference call meeting to discuss. Hearing no additional comments, the Chairman continued to the next item on the agenda.

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BUDGET

- Chairman Rezendes reviewed the Proposed/Adjusted FY 2018/2019 Budget as recommended by the
- 303 Officer's Committee. Changes noted from the February 2018 approved budget include;
 - The amount of income from assessments is an updated estimate and is on increase from the prior approved budget. This amount reflects the amount of assessments CMC can expect from fruit that will be acquired from handlers that will be exempt from the 2018 Producer Allotment volume regulation.
 - Payroll, payroll taxes and 401K contributions have been adjusted to reflect the Committee's approved salary adjustments
 - There has been a decrease in BCl's retainer fees for 2018/2019 of \$10,000
 - Trade Policy contractual services has been updated to reflect work that will be performed by Weber Shandwick – Brussels
 - The Domestic Promotion Program budget has been adjusted down to \$214,000
- Special Projects line-item will be \$50,000
- Mr. Hatton moved to keep \$50K in the Special Projects line-item but not to spend these funds until t a
- later time when the committee can revisit and determine the best area to spend and upon approval
- of the Committee. Seconded by, Mr Lee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Nemitz motioned to accept the budget as shown. Seconded by, Mr. Puhl. Motion was carried
- 319 unanimously.

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The approved FY'2018 Budget is as follows:

Items		FY18 Approved Budget
INCOME		
Assessments	\$	2,189,000
Interest Income	\$	2,500
MAP Funding - Generic (Sept- Dec)	\$	466,096
MAP Funding - Generic (Jan-Aug)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	932,192
MAP Funding - Branded	\$	400,000
FMD Funding	\$	1 <i>54</i> ,107
TASC Funding	\$	110,000
QSP Funding	\$	39,600
EMP Funding	\$	233,500
GBI Funding	\$	130,000
Reserve Funds: Restricted	\$	400,000
Reserve funds: Unrestricted	\$	
INCOME	\$	5,056,995
OPERATING EXPENSES-ADMINISTRATIVE		
Salaries	_	
Total Salaries	\$	343,384
Benefits & Payroll Taxes		
Employee Benefits	\$	70,000
Payroll Taxes-FICA	\$ \$ \$ \$	20,250
Payroll Taxes-Medicare	\$	4,700
Pension Plan	\$	25 , 481
TOTAL BENEFITS & TAXES EXPENSES	\$	120,431
Meeting & Travel Expenses		
Staff Expenses	\$	20,000
Committee & Meeting Expenses	\$	150,000
Subcommittee Expense	\$	10,000
Field Staff Expenses	\$ \$ \$	5,000
TOTAL MEETING & TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$	185,000
Administrative Expenses		
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Facility Rent	¢ Þ	22,500 47,500
Office Expenses (General) Insurance (D&O/GL)	¢ Þ	47,300 27,000
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Board Restricted for Operating Reserve Professional Services	¢ Þ	350,000
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Owned Equipment	φ Φ	5,000
Leased Equipment Expense	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	12,000
Maintenance/Repair Expense	ф Ф	5,000 2,500
Subscriptions & Dues	ф Ф	2,500
Payroll Services	ф Ф	4,500
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	₹ \$	1,183,315

PROGRAMS INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAM CMC Assessments Appropriation CMC Staff/Consultant Int'l travel MAP Generic FMD EMP GBI QSP	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	550,000 20.000 1,398,288 154,107 233,500 130,000 39,600
TASC Sub-Total Branded Program Sub-Total	\$ \$ \$ \$	110,000 2,635,495 400,000 3,035,495
CONTRACTOR BCI Retainer Fee (G, F & EU Region) BCI Add'I (New Grants, Financial, Launches) BCI: Misc. Expenses (Travel & Comm) Sub-Total	\$ \$ \$	140,000 55,500 30,000 225,500
TRADE POLICY PROGRAM BCI Trade Policy Retainer Fee Travel & Communications Data Packaging Contractual Services Sub-Total	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	152,000 30,000 50,000 52,000 284,000
Total International Program	\$	3,544,995
DOMESTIC PROMOTION PROGRAM Domestic Promotion/Partnerships Website Maintenance Collateral Material Total Domestic Promotion TOTAL PROMOTION & TRADE	\$ \$ \$	214,000 15,000 1 0,000 239,000
PROGRAMS	\$	3,783,995
PROJECTS Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Special Projects* Grower Database Program (Website)	\$ \$ \$	17,000 50,000 15,000
TOTAL PROJECTS	\$	82,000
TOTAL PROGRAMS & PROJECTS	\$	3,865,995
TOTAL OPERATING/PROGRAMS/PROJECTS	\$	5,049,310

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325	OTHER BUSINESS
326	Chair Rezendes stated that the public member and alternate public member term must be discussed as
327	these positions are required to be seated for the February 2019 meeting.
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329	Mr. Rogers motioned to move Dr. White to the Public Member position and Dr. O'Guinn to the
330	Alternate Member position for the next term. Seconded by, Ms. Nemitz. Motion was carried
331	unanimously.
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333	Mr. Mauck motioned to retain Gosule, Butkus & Jesson as the independent auditor of the CMC for the
334	2017-2018 crop year fiscal period pursuant to &929.31(f)', Cranberry Marketing Order. Seconded
335	by, Ms. Gates-Allen. Motion was carried unanimously.
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337	Mr. Potter motioned to authorize the Executive Director with the Officers Committee to make inter-
338	item transfers of budgeted funds among line-item accounts in excess of 10% for annual audit
339	purposes, as to provide for adequate funding of such accounts through the end of the fiscal period,
340	August 31, 2018. Seconded by, Mr. Hatton. Motion was carried unanimously.
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342	The CMC Winter meeting will be held Arlington, VA at the Ritz-Carlton on February 12th and 13th, 2019.
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344	The CMC 2019 summer meeting will be held in Massachusetts, dates and location TBD.
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346	Chairman Rezendes presented two crop forecasting programs from two separate companies, Spherical
347	Analytics and Skycision. He informed the audience that the Officer's Committee had received this
348	information and was given presentations in July from both companies. Although we are unable to move
349	forward in engaging in this type of work, the Officer's Committee felt it was important to share the
350	information received.
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352	Chairman Rezendes notified the committee that the CMC staff and consultants will continue to look into
353	government program grant opportunities and will keep the Committee informed of any information
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356	Chairman Rezendes thanked Ms. Amundson for all her hard work and dedication over the last several
357	years as she will be stepping down from the Officer's Committee.

358 Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Rezendes for all his efforts and dedication to the Industry for the last two years 359 as Chairman of the CMC. Mr. Rogers noted the extreme difficulty and challenges the outgoing Chairman 360 had to endure. 361 362 Hearing no additional business to come before the Committee, Mr. Gardner motioned to adjourn the 363 meeting. Seconded by, Mr. Hatton. Motion was carried unanimously. 364 365 Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. 366 367 Respectfully submitted, 368 **Judy Mears** 369 Recording Secretary 370 371