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From: Franci Havemeister [francihav@yahoo.com]
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To: Richard A Lefebvre
Subject: Re: ARG PLANNING GROUP-Mat Maid

As we talked about before in our meeting - I think that it is absolutely crazy that a board of seven people can bring down the entire dairy industry, even more so because it is an asset of the State. I still feel that the Creamery board needs to be removed, as well as the BAC (if needed) so the State has access to the "books" and can go in and do damage control and infuse the money allocated so the plant can stay up and running. It is still my understanding that people have and are quitting and that these are skilled positions. The situation needs to be assessed and long term plans made from there (whether that be a successful business plan to the continue the operation or the closure of the plant with the farmers given due notice). I can not emphasize enough the devastating effect this will have on the dairy industry in the State of Alaska. I am certain that it will never recover! The problem with timing is today is the DAY! The creamery board has given the dairy producers only 16 more days to find an alternative buyer - which we know there is NONE. The board and management has known this all along, and if this was an inevitable outcome the board should have been forth coming with the farmers and the State of Alaska and given everyone time to seek alternative measures. Obviously this was never an important objective to them.

Dick - are you still attending the meeting with Mark Neuman and corrections tomorrow or has this been put on hold? Also...Location?

thanks

Richard LeFebvre wrote:

> At our agr planning meeting last week I had promised to get back to
> the group regarding Mat Maid and the Creamery Board meeting. I did
> not attend the meeting that was held Wednesday but did meet with
> Rhonda Boyles late in the afternoon following the Board meeting. I
> received the information about the motion that was made to discontinue
> milk and dairy production by July 7th unless a review of the current
> contractual obligations dictated an extension of that date. They will
> review the legal and financial information at their June 13 Creamery
> Board meeting.
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> The Board's decision impacts the dairy industry: the Northern Lights
> Dairy and Rob Well's project and the milk producers as you well know.
> Additionally there is the ripple effect to the suppliers to the
> industry as well as the customers. We are open to suggestions on
> possible ideas on how best to deal with this situation. The key is
> timing and certainty. Thanks
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