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NEVADA DAIRY COMMISSION  
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Christopher Cook - Chairman  
Troy G. Crowther, Commissioner - Via Videoconference

Donnell Barton, Administrator, Food & Nutrition Division  
Kathy Easley, AA3  
Bryan Stockton, Deputy Attorney General  
David Grenz, Microbiologist

Gary Reck, Model Dairy  
Rachel Dahl, Churchill Economic Development Authority

Kimberly Whitfield - Via Videoconference  
Ron Martin, Anderson Dairy - Via Videoconference

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**Nevada Dairy Commission**

1 SPARKS, NEVADA; THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015; 1:00 P.M.

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4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Donell, will you open this  
5 September meeting of the Nevada State Dairy Commission?

6 MS. BARTON: Sure. This is the time and  
7 place set for our regularly scheduled meeting of the  
8 Nevada State Dairy Commission for the month of  
9 September, 2015.

10 This meeting has been scheduled and noticed  
11 in compliance with pertinent statutes, including the  
12 Open Meeting Law. A copy of the agenda has been handed  
13 to the court reporter, and a request that it be, be part  
14 of the official transcript of these proceedings.

15 My name is Donell Barton, the administrator  
16 for the Food & Nutrition Division with the Department of  
17 Agriculture. Present today are Mr. Christopher Cook,  
18 chair, and Mr. Troy Crowther, member of the Commission.

19 Those who present statements or evidence to  
20 the Commission during this meeting are requested to  
21 first be acknowledged by the chair and to identify  
22 themselves for the record.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Thank you. Would you  
24 proceed to the first agenda item, please.

25 MS. BARTON: Sure. So we have the notice of

1 the, of the meeting, and it was noticed in all of the  
2 appropriate places, and we are ready for the, for the  
3 public comments.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Anybody here care to  
5 make any comments at this point? Members of the public?  
6 Be mindful there will be an opportunity at the end of  
7 the meeting to do the same.

8 Seeing none, let's move on to the second  
9 item, please.

10 MS. BARTON: Okay. So the second item is  
11 possible action, license application. And the first one  
12 is for Vegas King Com --

13 MS. EASLY: Commissary.

14 MS. BARTON: Thank you. The applicant seeks  
15 a license to distribute fluid milk and fluid cream in  
16 the Southern Nevada Marketing Area.

17 The applicant's prices and costs have been  
18 reviewed by the members of the Dairy Commission staff  
19 and are in compliance with this agency's laws and  
20 regulations.

21 The applicant will be responsible for the  
22 assessments.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Do we have anybody  
24 representing this applicant present?

25 It does not appear so. Is there anything

1 the staff can add to this?

2 MS. EASLY: This is formerly the Vegas King,  
3 Incorporated, license number 001.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: So we're just changing --

5 MS. EASLY: They sold to this group, and now  
6 they're going under Vegas King Commissary.

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: And they're going to give up  
8 license number 001?

9 MS. EASLY: They're giving up license number  
10 001.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: Wow. We should frame that  
12 and send it to them.

13 MR. CROWTHER: What was the previous name?

14 MS. EASLY: Vegas King, Inc.

15 MR. CROWTHER: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN COOK: Are you able to hear us okay  
17 down there, Troy?

18 MR. CROWTHER: I can hear just fine. Can  
19 you hear me?

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: You're a little muted, but  
21 Kathy's going to adjust that.

22 MR. CROWTHER: Do they source -- where do  
23 they source this milk from? I understand it's a  
24 longtime licensee. Do we know where they get it?

25 MS. EASLY: Meadow Gold. They're getting

1 Meadow Gold milk.

2 MR. CROWTHER: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay? All right. Do you  
4 have any questions, any other questions, Troy?

5 MR. CROWTHER: No.

6 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. I have no questions.  
7 Seeing that, I'll entertain the motion.

8 MR. CROWTHER: I will make a motion to  
9 approve the peddler-distributor license application by  
10 Vegas King Commissary, Las Vegas, Nevada, to distribute  
11 fluid milk and fluid cream to the Southern Nevada  
12 Marketing Area.

13 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. And in the absence of  
14 our third commissioner, I will make the second. And  
15 that, resulting in no dissenting votes, the motion  
16 carries and the license is granted.

17 MS. BARTON: Okay. The next one is Haggan,  
18 and it's for a retail store importing from out of state,  
19 and they seek a license to distribute a full line of  
20 dairy products in the Southern Nevada Marketing Area.

21 The applicant's prices and costs have been  
22 reviewed by members of the Dairy Commission staff and  
23 are in compliance with the agency's laws and  
24 regulations.

25 The applicant will be responsible for the

1 assessments.

2 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Obviously there's no  
3 one representing this applicant present. So is there  
4 anything the staff can add to this? What happened to  
5 Dazs?

6 MS. EASLY: This one, Kimberly might know  
7 about this one. This one I didn't have much to do with  
8 at all.

9 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. I mean, is this  
10 related to the Häagen-Dazs?

11 MR. STOCKTON: I think it's a different  
12 spelling.

13 MS. EASLY: No. This is a grocery store.

14 MS. BARTON: Yeah.

15 MR. CROWTHER: So where is this grocery  
16 store? This is in California, but where --

17 MS. EASLY: They're in, they're in Vegas.

18 MS. WHITFIELD: Mr. Chairman, Kim Whitfield,  
19 for the record. This was a result of the Safeway/Vons  
20 buy-out in the Vegas Vons locations. And they'll be  
21 getting their product from Anderson Dairy.

22 Unfortunately, at this point they filed bankruptcy, so I  
23 don't know how much longer they're going to be in  
24 operation.

25 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Well, that's not good

1 to hear. All right. I have no further questions. Do  
2 you have any further questions, Troy?

3 MR. CROWTHER: No.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. I guess keeping  
5 things in the rotation, I'll make the motion that we  
6 approve the retail store importing from out of state  
7 license application by Haggen of Irvine, California, to  
8 distribute a full line of dairy products in the Southern  
9 Nevada Marketing Area.

10 MR. CROWTHER: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: Having a motion and a  
12 second, no dissenting votes, the motion carries and the  
13 license is granted.

14 MS. BARTON: Okay. The next one is a retail  
15 store importing from out of state for a license at Ron's  
16 Market. And this applicant seeks a license to  
17 distribute a full line of dairy products in the Southern  
18 Nevada Marketing Area.

19 The applicant's prices and costs have been  
20 reviewed by members of the Dairy Commission staff and  
21 are in compliance with the, with this agency's laws and  
22 regulations.

23 The applicant will be responsible for the  
24 assessments.

25 CHAIRMAN COOK: I was waiting for you to

1 read the applicant's name.

2 MS. BARTON: Oh. I'm sorry. Ron's Market.

3 CHAIRMAN COOK: No. The representative of  
4 the applicant.

5 MS. BARTON: Oh, no, I'm not --

6 MS. EASLY: The name on the bottom.

7 MS. BARTON: I see that.

8 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm sorry, Donell. I'm just  
9 having some fun.

10 MS. BARTON: You're just messing with me. I  
11 need a new class for this one.

12 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Obviously there's  
13 nobody representing this applicant. Is there anything  
14 else the staff can add to this particular --

15 MS. EASLY: Once again, this was an  
16 established licensee that the business was sold and this  
17 is the new owner applying for --

18 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

19 MS. EASLY: -- an identical license.

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. All right.

21 Questions, Troy?

22 MR. CROWTHER: No. Sounds like we're three  
23 for three on name changes or ownership changes.

24 CHAIRMAN COOK: All right. Well, I have no  
25 questions either, so I'll entertain a motion.

1 MR. CROWTHER: All right. I will make a  
2 motion to approve the retail store importing from out of  
3 state license application by Ron's Market, Las Vegas,  
4 Nevada, to distribute a full line of dairy products in  
5 the Southern Nevada Marketing Area.

6 CHAIRMAN COOK: I will second that. And by  
7 virtue of the fact that we have a motion and a second  
8 and no dissenting votes, the motion carries and the  
9 license is granted.

10 MS. BARTON: Okay. The next one is a  
11 peddler-distributor's license, and it's for Get Fresh  
12 Sales. And this applicant seeks a license amendment to  
13 add fluid milk, fluid cream, cottage cheese, mixes, ice  
14 cream, sherbet, novelties, yogurt, and frozen yogurt to  
15 their current license in the Northern Nevada Marketing  
16 Area. Temporary approval was granted.

17 The applicant's prices and costs have been  
18 reviewed by members of the Dairy Commission staff and  
19 are in compliance with this agency's laws and  
20 regulations.

21 The applicant will be responsible for the  
22 assessment.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: I don't see anybody  
24 representing this applicant present, so any additional  
25 insights to be offered by the staff?

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1 MS. EASLY: They applied for their first  
2 license last month in the Southern Marketing Area and  
3 forgot to add Northern. So now they're --

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Oh, okay.

5 MS. EASLY: -- they're applying for the  
6 Northern.

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: Basically an administrative  
8 correction.

9 MS. EASLY: Uh-huh.

10 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. No questions from me.  
11 Troy, any more from you?

12 MR. CROWTHER: No. I'm sorry. Do we know  
13 where their products are sourced?

14 MS. EASLY: Meadow Gold, Alden's, Organic  
15 Valley, Horizon. Those are the milk names.

16 MR. CROWTHER: Okay.

17 MS. EASLY: That okay?

18 CHAIRMAN COOK: Do you know who Horizon is  
19 being done by?

20 MR. RECK: Horizon gallons are being done by  
21 -- Gary at Model Dairy -- are being manufactured here at  
22 Model Dairy. The half gallons --

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: Are you shipping to Vegas?

24 MR. RECK: We do ship to Meadow Gold in  
25 Vegas.

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1 CHAIRMAN COOK: Wow.

2 MR. RECK: In fact, we ship gallons to most  
3 of the west region. If it's gallons, fresh gallon  
4 organic, yes, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: Well, keeping that part in  
6 state.

7 MR. RECK: It's all good.

8 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Any more questions,  
9 Troy?

10 MR. CROWTHER: No.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: I have no questions either.  
12 My turn to make the motion, I think.

13 I'll make a motion that we approve the  
14 peddler-distributor license amendment application by Get  
15 Fresh Sales, Las Vegas, Nevada, to grant the license to  
16 add fluid milk, fluid cream, cottage cheese, mixes, ice  
17 cream, sherbet, novelties, yogurt, and frozen yogurt to  
18 their current license in the Northern Nevada Marketing  
19 Area.

20 MR. CROWTHER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN COOK: Motion and second, no  
22 dissenting votes, motion carries.

23 MS. BARTON: Okay. And the next is approval  
24 of the minutes for the August 20th, 2015, Dairy  
25 Commission meeting. And there was one change on page

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1 17, line 11. Change "Starla" to "Starlicide."

2 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

3 MR. CROWTHER: Okay. I will make a motion  
4 to approve the minutes of the State Dairy Commission  
5 meeting held on August, August -- in August, 2015, with  
6 the indicated corrections.

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: Second. A motion and a  
8 second, no dissenting votes. Motion carries, and the  
9 minutes are adopted.

10 MS. BARTON: Later on I want you to sign  
11 that page.

12 Thank you, sir.

13 Okay. And then the next item is a possible  
14 action for funding for a grant writer to apply for  
15 funding to improve rail access for dairies in the  
16 Churchill County, in Fallon -- in the Fallon Churchill  
17 County area.

18 MS. DAHL: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. BARTON: And so we have Rachel Dahl here  
20 to speak with us, and we have a letter from her  
21 explaining.

22 MS. DAHL: I don't think I got the letter  
23 for you in time to get it in your packet. I apologize.

24 CHAIRMAN COOK: No, that's all right. We've  
25 got a copy.

1 MS. EASLY: Troy, I'll be sending that to  
2 you as well.

3 MR. CROWTHER: Okay.

4 MS. DAHL: For the record, Rachel Dahl. I'm  
5 the executive director of Churchill Economic Development  
6 Authority out in Fallon. And we've been working with  
7 our dairy industry, as you guys know, probably better  
8 than I do, to continue to increase our dairy herds to  
9 service the DFA plant. Part of that whole project is to  
10 try to do some rail improvements to allow DFA,  
11 eventually, to ship milk on the rail rather than ship it  
12 on trucks to Oakland.

13 So we've been working on that project, and  
14 we also, as the herds grow, are running up against a  
15 size problem where our commodities business is accepting  
16 the commodities in the middle of town. And as those  
17 herds expand, it's driving more demand for the  
18 commodities, and they're outgrowing that space.

19 So we've been trying to find a place to put  
20 them, which just got complicated a couple of weeks ago.  
21 Union Pacific lowered the weight limit on the Fallon  
22 lead. So the Fallon lead comes off of the Mina branch,  
23 which comes off of the main UP line in Hazen. So the  
24 main UP line goes west to east, and then there's a  
25 branch that comes off of that and goes down to Mina.

1 They call it the Mina lead. It goes, eventually, to  
2 Hawthorne, down through Weeks and Silver Springs. And  
3 then right where that happens, there's a branch that  
4 comes off and goes east to west to Fallon.

5 So UP lowered the weight limit on that line,  
6 while all these guys had commodities on their way, and  
7 so we ran into a bit of a problem. They were eventually  
8 able, it took a few days, to get those loads through.  
9 But what it means is it's, of course, costing more  
10 money. So that really accelerated on our project to try  
11 and find a new place for those guys to go, that would  
12 make it more efficient for them and cost-effective, and  
13 would allow for the growth that we're expecting.

14 So long story short -- oops, too late -- we  
15 found a, we actually found a piece of property, and we  
16 found a grant through the Economic Development  
17 Administration, that is a public infrastructure grant,  
18 specifically for business parks, industrial parks, and  
19 rail parks. And as part of that, you have to have a  
20 local government actually own the piece of property  
21 where the improvements are.

22 And so it turns out the only local  
23 government in Churchill County that has any land  
24 directly on the rail is TCID, the irrigation district.  
25 And so they own a piece of property that's 121 acres

1 right where those lines come off. And it straddles the  
2 Mina branch, which is not affected by the weight limit.

3 And so what we're doing is putting together  
4 a proposal, a crazy idea, that so far everyone really,  
5 really likes, to build kind of a community project and  
6 apply for the grant to do the improvements to turn that  
7 piece of property into a rail park. We have two  
8 businesses that will go in there, if we're able to pull  
9 this off. So we already have two potential customers,  
10 and that would be our commodities distributors. And  
11 then we're working to try and figure out how we can pull  
12 DFA into there. We're not sure that's going to work  
13 yet.

14 In the process, we've put together a whole  
15 bunch of support throughout the community. We've got  
16 TCID on the line looking for some money for us.  
17 Churchill County came up with the money to cover the  
18 costs of the conceptual design so that we know what  
19 we're looking at in terms of a request from EDA.

20 And what we've had to do is pull in -- we  
21 have a gentleman in our office on a contract basis  
22 working specifically on this project, because it was  
23 outside of our realm of what we had in our economic  
24 development plan for the six months. So because of all  
25 the acceleration, which we think is going to be a really

1 good thing, we pulled him in, covered him for one month,  
2 and are in the process of trying to get him covered so  
3 that we can keep him long enough to get this whole  
4 project put together.

5 We need to be ready -- the economic  
6 development director in Seattle is really supportive of  
7 this, but he wants us to be in the December 15th  
8 application pool. This EDA grant is a rotating  
9 quarterly grant application, so you can put in every  
10 quarter. We can ask for up to \$3 million. You need to  
11 match it. So we're putting together all of the match  
12 that we possibly can and hoping that we can make all the  
13 pieces fit together.

14 So I was talking to Lynn Hettrick and ran  
15 the idea past him, and he said that I should come and  
16 ask, because it would support us and help us continue to  
17 grow our dairy industry in Fallon, and help us get out  
18 of this little critical pinch that we find ourselves in  
19 in terms of getting commodities to our dairy farmers.

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: If I understand it, the  
21 weight limitations that you referred to are only on the  
22 spur from --

23 MS. DAHL: From Hazen to Fallon.

24 CHAIRMAN COOK: Hazen to Fallon. There's no  
25 weight limitations -- or, I mean, there is, but they're

1 not as restricted.

2 MS. DAHL: Right. They didn't lower off of  
3 that Mina branch, they just lowered the Fallon lead.  
4 They anticipate making improvements to that Fallon lead,  
5 which would allow them to put those weight restrictions  
6 back up, but they said that won't be until next fiscal  
7 year, and we just found out that they moved it out one  
8 more year. So they had a plan to do it in '16, fiscal  
9 year '16, but they just told us they moved it to '17.

10 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm curious. How does a lot  
11 of the stuff that's needed to operate the air station  
12 get out there? Does the line go out there at all?

13 MS. DAHL: It does not go to the base. And  
14 we actually are working with them to pull them into this  
15 project to see if there's any possibility that if we had  
16 the facility they would use it. And they are very --  
17 their interest is piqued. So far they don't use the  
18 rail. Historically they had, but they're not using it  
19 now. And part of it is capacity. So they were real  
20 interested in this whole idea. And they look like  
21 they'll come on, at least as a supporter, and then  
22 long-term have that ability to use it if, if it looks  
23 like it's going to work.

24 CHAIRMAN COOK: Has anybody gone to any of  
25 the congressional offices or the senators' offices --

1 MS. DAHL: I've talked to Mark, and he's  
2 coming out, actually, to speak. We're doing a dinner in  
3 October. So we'll show him what our plans are. I  
4 haven't talked to anybody else yet.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm just wondering if  
6 through the appropriations process there isn't some  
7 federal money. Defense Department money.

8 MS. DAHL: And we've, we've actually used  
9 DoD money when they widened the highway, so that's a  
10 super good idea. I will do that.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: That seems to be something  
12 that every politician would jump all over, a chance to  
13 infrastructure expand and justify it with a connection  
14 to a fairly large federal facility.

15 MS. DAHL: I like that very much. Okay.  
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN COOK: So the \$2,600 you want from  
18 us, that's, if I understand your letter correctly,  
19 that's what you're asking for, is to split the cost  
20 of --

21 MS. DAHL: What we -- we figured his  
22 contract at \$2,600 per month, and if you guys would do  
23 \$5,200, that would get us two months of him. I've got  
24 one month already covered, and I'm pretty sure I have  
25 another one. And then I talked to GOED yesterday, and

1 they said to submit a request to them as well. So that  
2 will give me a total of five months. We're August,  
3 September, October, November, and December. That will  
4 get us there.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: So that will get you through  
6 December 2015 --

7 MS. DAHL: Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN COOK: -- or the December '15 --

9 MS. DAHL: Application period.

10 CHAIRMAN COOK: -- cycle to the application  
11 period?

12 MS. DAHL: Yeah. If I can get GOED to do  
13 one month, then I've got him covered. If you guys do  
14 two, TCID does one. And then I've got the Specialty  
15 Crop Block Grant. Ann Louhela came up with some money  
16 for us.

17 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Well, I mean,  
18 philosophically I'm certainly in favor of anything  
19 that's going to help develop the industry and provide  
20 economic growth -- development. I just have questions  
21 about whether or not that's something that we can use  
22 Commission money to do. And that's where, you know,  
23 without having Lynn here, he's sort of the expert on all  
24 that. Unless our counsel can guide us on that.

25 MR. STOCKTON: I don't. But it will have to

1 be, it will have to be a contract, anyway, so Dennis  
2 will have to review that, and then we can talk to him  
3 about that.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

5 MR. STOCKTON: You can figure it out at that  
6 point.

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: Yeah. You know, I think we  
8 can probably come to just a sense of a Commission-type  
9 of conclusion and go on the record as far as supporting  
10 it or not. I think.

11 MS. BARTON: Yes.

12 MR. STOCKTON: Well, if you do that, then  
13 you can't enter into a contract. You've got to vote yes  
14 or no now, if you want a contract before the next  
15 meeting. So, I mean, that's -- if you just say "we're  
16 in favor of it," that's not enough to -- I mean, if  
17 Dennis says it's going and Lynn says it's okay, and to  
18 just say "we're in favor of it" is not enough to cut the  
19 check.

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: Right. That's the question  
21 I have, is do -- because I've always, at least for  
22 however many years I've chaired this, if it wasn't  
23 budgeted, if it wasn't -- it was one of those things  
24 where don't spend money because it has to go through  
25 that whole budgeting process and all that, and I'm not

1 sure where we stand.

2 MR. STOCKTON: I'm sure you'll have to go  
3 through Interim Finance.

4 MS. DAHL: Yeah. Lynn said that it will  
5 have to go back through that review. We looked at the  
6 NRS that allows you to support expansion and promotion  
7 of the dairy industry, and so we understood that it  
8 would have to go back for review and be a little bit  
9 time consuming.

10 CHAIRMAN COOK: So, I mean, if we need to  
11 take action and vote to approve that, I'm prepared to do  
12 that, but I don't think it's going to happen --

13 MS. DAHL: Right.

14 CHAIRMAN COOK: -- in the manner that's  
15 going to get you the money to fund this position as  
16 quickly as it's going to take to get this application  
17 put in by that December --

18 MS. DAHL: We're floating everything, so --

19 CHAIRMAN COOK: Oh, yeah.

20 MS. DAHL: -- we're good.

21 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm of the belief that  
22 you've got to throw everything you can up against the  
23 wall and see what sticks.

24 MS. DAHL: Yeah. And if you support it and  
25 then we know it has to go through a process, then that's

1 good enough for me to make a plan on.

2 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Troy, thoughts?

3 Comments?

4 MR. CROWTHER: Sounds like it's certainly a  
5 good idea. It would benefit a lot of people down  
6 there -- or up there. I'm with you, though, I don't  
7 know that we can -- I guess, one, is it, you know, what  
8 budget line item does it come out of and can it come out  
9 of some of the previously determined budget? I know  
10 that, you know, obviously in the past, just the process  
11 of buying a trailer, or a, you know, Moolisa II, has  
12 been push it to the next fiscal year because it wasn't  
13 budgeted, and I'm wondering if we're going to run into  
14 the same thing here.

15 The other is, as I look at this agenda, it  
16 says that this is for discussion on the agenda, not  
17 action. I'm not sure we can -- and this is to legal  
18 counsel. Can we even make a motion and vote on this  
19 item today?

20 MS. EASLY: Troy, that's why I have "for  
21 possible action" in front of it, so you can, if you  
22 choose to vote on it, you can.

23 MR. CROWTHER: Okay. The agenda I show just  
24 says "discussion of possible funding." It doesn't say  
25 "for possible action."

1 MS. EASLY: How do you have a different  
2 agenda?

3 MR. STOCKTON: What's the date on your  
4 agenda? Because the one I have says, in all caps,  
5 before the discussion, it says "for possible action."

6 CHAIRMAN COOK: Our meeting packets came  
7 out -- what? -- several days ago. Late last week you  
8 mailed them to us?

9 MS. EASLY: Yeah.

10 MR. CROWTHER: How was it noticed to the  
11 public?

12 MS. EASLY: "For possible action."

13 MR. STOCKTON: This is the agenda you posted  
14 on here? This?

15 MS. EASLY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. STOCKTON: It appears to me that it was  
17 posted for action. I, without seeing the agenda you're  
18 looking at, I don't know.

19 CHAIRMAN COOK: Well, I think Troy brings up  
20 a good point. We're both philosophically inclined to  
21 support it, it's a question of whether or not we can  
22 take action and have that money expended. And I guess  
23 Donell --

24 MS. BARTON: I'm about to have an answer,  
25 because right down the hallway I ran in to Lynn, and so

1 we had a quick discussion and he's going to see Dale,  
2 and he'll be back in just a minute to try and provide  
3 that information.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Yeah, this is the  
5 minutia of --

6 MS. DAHL: Yes. No, I am quite familiar.

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm sure you're well  
8 familiar with all this stuff.

9 MS. DAHL: It's all good.

10 CHAIRMAN COOK: We would love to just write  
11 you a check say, "Here, get that rail siding" --

12 MS. DAHL: I appreciate it. I do.

13 CHAIRMAN COOK: I'm surprised that the Navy  
14 doesn't have some kind of a rail connection.

15 MS. DAHL: I know. And I understood in the  
16 past they had used it and then pick it up on Maine  
17 Street, when they had the old sidings there. But when I  
18 talked to the captain, he said they haven't in a couple  
19 of years. But if we had the capability, they were very  
20 curious about what that would mean for them. And it  
21 would change some things for them, for the positive, as  
22 well.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: I imagine it's a little  
24 disconcerting to see a train car load of bombs roll up  
25 on Maine Street.

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1 MS. DAHL: Yeah. No bombs. In Hawthorne I  
2 think that's normal, but in Fallon I don't know.

3 CHAIRMAN COOK: The man of the hour.

4 MR. HETRICK: Of the moment.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: The man with all the  
6 answers.

7 MR. HETRICK: I've got a 1:30 meeting, so  
8 it's the man of the moment. All right. So the answer  
9 is, based on the question I got, the \$5,000 -- I'm Lynn  
10 Hettrick, for the record. Sorry. The -- we don't have  
11 to go to IFC, but we do have to do a work program, and  
12 it has to go to the newly named governor's financial  
13 office, and they would have to approve the work order.

14 CHAIRMAN COOK: So we can effectively vote  
15 to use the funds.

16 MR. HETRICK: You can vote to use the funds.  
17 We have to put it through the governor's office, and  
18 then they have to approve it for us to be able to give  
19 it.

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. So how would you,  
21 given -- I'm assuming you've seen this.

22 MR. HETRICK: Yeah. I think I saw a copy of  
23 the letters, yes.

24 CHAIRMAN COOK: How would you word the  
25 motion?

1 MR. HETRICK: I think it would be a request  
2 to fund half of a grant writer for two months.

3 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

4 MR. HETRICK: So the motion would be move to  
5 approve the funding of half of a, one-half of the cost  
6 or a grant writer for two months.

7 MR. STOCKTON: You can do that, but they're  
8 asking for you to fund two months.

9 MS. DAHL: Yeah. It's to fund two months  
10 out of the five. So \$5,200.

11 MR. HETRICK: I'm sorry. I misunderstood  
12 what we were doing. Then I would just keep the two  
13 months. To fund two months of the cost of a grant  
14 writer to obtain the funds to hopefully build a rail  
15 siding that would accommodate the needs of the dairy  
16 industry in Fallon.

17 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

18 MR. CROWTHER: Who, so who are we writing  
19 the check to?

20 MS. DAHL: To Churchill Economic Development  
21 Authority. We're the lead on pulling together all of  
22 the partners, and we will be working with WNDD, who has  
23 to do the Economic Development Administration grants in  
24 the state of Nevada. So we work with them in  
25 partnership, but we'll fund the position in our office.

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1 MR. CROWTHER: I think as part of the motion  
2 it needs to specify who it's going to.

3 MR. HETRICK: Okay. I think that's fine.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Do you want to take a  
5 swipe at cobbling that motion together?

6 MR. CROWTHER: Well --

7 CHAIRMAN COOK: Or you don't have the  
8 letter, do you?

9 MR. HETRICK: No, I don't.

10 MS. EASLY: He doesn't.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Then I'll take a  
12 swipe at trying to put together the motion. I'll make a  
13 motion that --

14 MR. CROWTHER: I think we also need to  
15 indicate the specific dollar amount --

16 CHAIRMAN COOK: Oh, yeah.

17 MR. CROWTHER: -- as well. Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN COOK: The Nevada State Dairy  
19 Commission provide two of five months' of costs for a  
20 grant writer to, not to exceed \$5,200, to the Churchill  
21 Economic Development Authority for the purposes of  
22 obtaining a grant to develop a rail park in the city of  
23 Fallon to benefit the local dairy producers. How was  
24 that?

25 MR. HETRICK: It works for me.

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1 MS. BARTON: Uh-huh.

2 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay?

3 MR. CROWTHER: Good with the wording? All  
4 right. Second.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Second and a -- a  
6 motion and a second and no dissenting votes, the motion  
7 carries and it passes. And now we go through all of the  
8 grind of trying to actually get the money.

9 MS. DAHL: Very good. Thank you.

10 MR. HETRICK: I'm sorry to eat and run.

11 CHAIRMAN COOK: Thank you for the  
12 clarification.

13 MS. DAHL: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN COOK: Oh, our pleasure.

15 MS. DAHL: And then do you need an invoice,  
16 or does the letter serve for what your needs --

17 MR. STOCKTON: No. There will have to be a  
18 contract and formalities like that.

19 MS. DAHL: Okay.

20 MR. STOCKTON: So those will take place.

21 CHAIRMAN COOK: That's what all of the --

22 MS. DAHL: Yeah.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: All of these --

24 MS. DAHL: Who should I be in touch with?

25 CHAIRMAN COOK: -- the staff handles that.

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1 MS. EASLY: I'll talk to you later.

2 MS. DAHL: Okay.

3 MS. BARTON: Obviously we'll work with Lynn  
4 and be able to get that.

5 MS. DAHL: Perfect.

6 MS. BARTON: We'll work on getting that  
7 done.

8 MS. DAHL: Sounds great.

9 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Press on?

10 MS. BARTON: Sure. The next item is the  
11 staff report. So the first thing I'd like to do is  
12 introduce David Grenz, who is with our Food Safety Lab,  
13 and he's our new microbiologist. And this is his first  
14 week of work.

15 MR. GRENZ: First week, yup.

16 MS. BARTON: So brand new. We're thrilled.  
17 Is there anything you'd like to say to the Commission?

18 MR. GRENZ: I'm glad to be with you guys.

19 CHAIRMAN COOK: Well, we're glad to finally  
20 have you. How long has it taken us to get to this  
21 point?

22 MS. BARTON: All through that whole  
23 legislative process to get the position approved, and  
24 then we started working the 1st of July to -- the hiring  
25 process.

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1 CHAIRMAN COOK: Nothing happens quick.  
2 Welcome aboard.

3 MR. GRENZ: Thank you.

4 MS. BARTON: Okay. And the, so the other  
5 things that are going on for us is the trailer is  
6 scheduled for completion on October the 20th of this  
7 year, and as soon as we get confirmation, we'll begin  
8 planning to get that picked up.

9 CHAIRMAN COOK: That's down in Arizona,  
10 right?

11 MS. BARTON: Correct. And then -- is Damon  
12 down in Las Vegas, Damon Hernandez? Or Kimberly, are  
13 you giving the fiscal report?

14 MS. WHITFIELD: No. He did not give --

15 MS. BARTON: Okay. So can we provide you a  
16 fiscal report for next --

17 CHAIRMAN COOK: Yeah. We'll just table  
18 that, and we'll go into it next month.

19 MS. BARTON: Okay. And Marjorie Ellis has  
20 just completed a clearing of the backlog of financial  
21 entries into our dairy record keeping system. And  
22 Moolisa attend the Edible Pedal event for the Reno  
23 Rotary Club on 9/20/15, and she spent three days at the  
24 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival, and she's at Fallon  
25 Elementary School today and is scheduled to spend a

1 month at the Lazy P Adventure Farm in Winnemucca  
2 beginning October the 2nd. So she has quite the  
3 schedule.

4 CHAIRMAN COOK: Going to have to find her an  
5 agent.

6 MS. DAHL: I passed her, as a matter of  
7 fact, on my way in this morning, quite early. She was  
8 headed to Fallon.

9 CHAIRMAN COOK: Good.

10 MS. BARTON: And Anna Vickrey is not feeling  
11 well, so she would like to bring you up to speed on what  
12 happened at the IAMCA meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Who else went to  
14 that? John and Anna, are they the only two? Lynn  
15 didn't go?

16 MS. EASLY: Uh-uh.

17 MS. BARTON: So she'll -- next meeting we'll  
18 put that on the agenda to have her give an update on  
19 that.

20 CHAIRMAN COOK: You didn't go, Troy?

21 MR. CROWTHER: No. No. Bad time of year  
22 for me.

23 CHAIRMAN COOK: Yeah.

24 MS. BARTON: And then Kathy would like to  
25 talk about moving the date for our October meetings.

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1                   CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay.

2                   MS. EASLY: Something that does happen fast  
3 is when you have to have surgery. So I'm having knee  
4 surgery on Monday, I will be out for two weeks starting  
5 Monday, and my coming back would put me in the week of  
6 the Commission meeting, which means nothing would get  
7 done. And so I was wondering if we could push the  
8 October 15th meeting to October 22nd. That's our Fallon  
9 meeting. I've already cleared it with Fallon. So we  
10 have the room for, in Fallon, if we decide to do this.

11                  CHAIRMAN COOK: I don't have any problems  
12 with that.

13                  MR. CROWTHER: That's fine with me.

14                  CHAIRMAN COOK: You've got all your  
15 extensions taken care of?

16                  MR. CROWTHER: Well, that actually might be  
17 better for me, because October 15th is typically a  
18 pretty busy day.

19                  CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. So you'll notice John  
20 and let him know?

21                  MS. EASLY: I can do that.

22                  CHAIRMAN COOK: All right. I have no  
23 problems. If you want to move it to the 22nd, that's  
24 fine with me.

25                  MS. EASLY: Okay. I think that's what I'll

1 do. Thank you.

2 MS. BARTON: Okay. And then the next agenda  
3 item is consideration of any other matters related to  
4 the dairy industry.

5 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Anybody have anything  
6 to throw on the table? Gary --

7 MR. RECK: No.

8 CHAIRMAN COOK: -- anything you wanted to  
9 add?

10 MR. RECK: No. I'm good. Thank you.

11 MS. BARTON: And the rest is public comments  
12 and discussion.

13 CHAIRMAN COOK: Okay. Second bite at the  
14 public comments. No public comments? Then let's call  
15 this meeting done.

16 (Meeting adjourns at 1:36 p.m.)

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