

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2011 AT 10.00 AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

Present:

Mr P O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr P O'Neill
Mr K Sharkey
Mr J McGaughey
Mrs M McCormack
Mr J Noble
Mr C Tweedie

In attendance:

Mr D Rutledge
Miss S Blain

Mr D Rutledge joined the meeting at 1.00pm

Miss S Blain joined the meeting at 1.20pm

2011/4/1 Report on Implementation Group

The Chairman advised that no final report had been produced yet, but a number of issues are being progressed.

AME Status

DARD is now convinced that AME would be appropriate for LMC, and has engaged with DFP to achieve AME status for LMC.

Board Costs

DARD has advised that legislation will not permit it to pay LMC Board costs. However the Board structure, as defined by the legislation, states that the Board can consist of a minimum of five, and a maximum of seven members.

Action Point: The Board agreed that the future LMC Board structure should consist of five members; two producer representatives, two processor representatives and an independent chairman. This should be achieved by the non-replacement of current independent Board Members when their terms end.

Proposed: Mr J McGaughey

Seconded: Mr J Noble

Pension Issue

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2011/4/2 Audit Committee Chairman

The Chairman advised the Board that the independent Audit Committee Chairman had come to the end of his appointment. CPD has not authorised a further contract extension without a new tender process.

Action Point: The Board agreed to appoint Mr J Noble for an interim period as Audit Committee Chairman to facilitate the operation of the Audit Committee function.

Proposed: Mr K Sharkey
Seconded: Mrs M McCormack

2011/4/3 New LMC Structure

The Chief Executive stated that based on Board discussions during which he had been present, but prior to the attendance of the minute taker, he felt that an announcement should be made to LMC staff, advising them of the new LMC structure and some specific redundancies.

LMC has been privileged to have been served by a group of dedicated and capable employees at all levels, and as we have concluded our classification service, and as LMC continue to progress other re-organisation arising from the decline of our commercial business, and responding to the review outturn, we would wish to record our grateful thanks for all of those who have served us and the industry faithfully; in some instances for many years, for their massive contribution to the betterment of our sectors farmers, processors, and the wider industry.

He also outlined to the Board the necessary steps which Board Members would need to follow to comply with legal and DARD/Government requirements regarding redundancy processes.

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2011/4/4 Date of Next Meetings

The next Board Meetings will be held on Wednesday 4 May 2011 at 2.00pm, and 31 May 2011 at 11.30am in Lissue House.

The Chairman thanked the Board Members for the extra work they had undertaken during the review process. He said that hard decisions had been made, and he hoped that the red meat industry would benefit from the changes.

Action Point: The Board endorsed the decisions made today.

Proposed: Mr C Tweedie

Seconded: Mrs M McCormack

The meeting ended at 2.20pm