

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wage and Hour Commission

Thursday, January 18, 2007, 11:00 AM
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street, Room 1004
Portland, Oregon 97232

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair John Fyre called the meeting to order via telephone conference call at 11:05 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

John Fyre, Chair
Jeff McDonald
Kathy Nishimoto

Staff Present:

Christie Hammond, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division (WHD)
Marge Phelps, Operations Support Manager, WHD
Karen Gernhart, Administrative Specialist, Child Labor Unit, WHD

3. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. Election of Commission Chairperson for 2007

Kathy Nishimoto nominated Jeff McDonald to chair the commission in 2007. John Fyre seconded the motion, and Mr. McDonald was unanimously elected as commission chairperson.

b. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 26, 2006 were unanimously approved as presented.

Staff summarized the temporary actions taken by staff since the commission's last meeting, which were unanimously approved.

c. Correspondence

Staff summarized letters sent to Neils Jensen Farms Inc. and Polehn Farms Inc. dated November 22, 2006 following up on 2006 Special Agricultural Overtime Permit issues as requested by the Wage and Hour Commission at its last meeting.

4. REPORTS

a. Child Labor Unit Statistics

Staff reported that the Child Labor Unit issued a total of 783 annual Employment Certificates (“EC’s”) during the months of October, November and December, 2006 and said that the total number of EC’s issued fiscal year to date (July 1 – December 31, 2006) was 2,390; 99% of the total number of EC’s issued during the same period last year (2,395).

b. Workers’ Compensation Injury Report

Staff reported that the September and October, 2006 Workers’ Compensation Division injury reports of “Claimants Under 18 Years of Age” had been reviewed since the last meeting and no significant matters of concern were identified.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. OTHER

Christie Hammond said that bureau staff was unaware of any proposed child labor-related bills under consideration this legislative session, but would keep the commission apprised of any developments.

8. NEXT MEETING

The commission’s next meeting is scheduled on April 19, 2007. Kathy Nishimoto advised the commission members and staff that she had been appointed to another advisory committee that meets at the same time Wage and Hour Commission meetings are scheduled.

At Ms. Nishimoto's request, the regular meeting time for the commission's meetings was changed from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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