**Minutes**

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

***Time: Jun 24, 2021 09:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)
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**I.         CALL TO ORDER**

            Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m.

 **II.        ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Commission Members Present              Absent Members

Mr. Robert Hanks                              Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain

Mr. Stephen Logan Mr. Kevin Webb

Mr. Donald Schexnayder Mr. Ryan Ellington

 Mr. Ross Girtman

 Mr. Donald Berken

 Mr. Tom Russell

 Mr. Ronald Petree

There was a quorum of seven (7) members present.

Staff Members Present

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission Director, Kyra Fitzgerald

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Crystal Bobb

 Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Assistant Commissioner, Steve Sessums

 **III.       ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 27, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

 **IV.       PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

 **V.       OLD BUSINESS**

1. **GCIF and SIF Balances**

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the balance of the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund is $5,185,292.75 and the balance for the Self Insurance Fund is $636,123.33.

 **VI. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL: (New)**

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Stephan Logan to go into executive session in order to review the financial information regarding all applicants for a grain dealer, warehouse or cotton merchant license. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to come out of executive session. The motion carried.

1. **GRAIN DEALER**
2. Tyson Farms, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Ross Girtman to approve the above grain dealer license application. The motion carried.

 **VII. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

 **(RENEWALS)**

1. **COTTON MERCHANT**

1. Broadway Cotton Co., Inc.
2. COFCO Americas Resources Corporation
3. Indigo Ag, Inc.
4. Jabbour Cotton Company
5. Lakeland Cotton Company
6. P.J.S. Incorporated
7. The Seam, LLC

 A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Ronald Petree to approve the applications. The motion carried.

 **B. GRAIN DEALER**

 1. Archer-Daniels Midland, Co

 2. Bertrand Rice, LLC

 3. Bunge North America, Inc.

 4. Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc.

 5. CSC Gold, Inc.

 6. Erwin Keith, LLC

 7. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.

 8. FBN CM, LLC

 9. Gatlin Group, Inc.

 10. Gavilon Grain, LLC

 11. Hansen-Mueller Company

 12. Indigo Market Place, LLC

 13. Miller-Bowie Supply

 14. Ragan & Massey, Inc.

 15. Red River Grain

 16. Riviana Foods Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse

 17. Soileau Rice Broker

 18. South Louisiana Rail Facility, LLC

 19. The Andersons, Inc.

 20. The Scoular Company

 21. Viserion Grain, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the above applications with Mr. Tom Russell abstaining from #3 and Mr. Ronald Petree abstaining on #18. The motion carried.

 **D. WAREHOUSES**

 1. Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC

 2. Jones Producers Gin, Inc.

 3. Mamou Rice Drier & Warehouse, Inc.

 4. Producers Rice Drier

 5. Rayne Rice Drier and Warehouse

 6. Vermilion Farmers Coop Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the above applications with Mr. Donald Berken abstaining on #6. The motion carried.

 **E. WAREHOUSE & GRAIN DEALERS**

 1. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.

 2. Fenton Rice Cooperative

 3. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC

 4. Lake Arthur Drier, LLC

 5. Mowata Rice Drier, Inc.

 6. Simplot Growers Solutions

 7. Sweet Lake Land & Oil Company

 8. Third Crop, LLC

 9. Thornwell Warehouse Association

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the above applications with Mr. Donald Berken abstaining from #2 and #9. The motion carried.

 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

 **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

           Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment.  There was none.

 **X.        DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: FEB/MARCH 2022**

 **XI.       ADJOURNMENT**

 A motion was made by Mr. Stephan Logan and seconded by Mr. Tom Russell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman