

# Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission  
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium  
5825 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
June 30, 2020  
1:30 p.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m.

## II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

### Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks  
Mr. Stephen Logan  
Mr. Ryan Ellington  
Mr. Ross Girtman  
Mr. Donald Berken  
Mr. Kevin Webb

### Absent Members

Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain  
Mr. Donald Schexnayder  
Mr. Ronald Petree  
Mr. Tom Russell

There was a quorum of six (6) 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 Auditor, John Hobgood  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Assistant Commissioner, Steve Sessums

## III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 11, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. GCIF and SIF Balances

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the balance of the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund is \$4.6 million and the balance for the Self Insurance Fund is \$594,701.

## **B. House Bill 496**

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that House Bill 496 became Act. No. 151 of the 2020 Regular Session.

C. **Receivership** – Jeff Fabre, Auditor for LDAF/LACC reported that as of June 11, 2020 the Receivership has been dissolved and that all farmers were paid.

## **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. Stephan Logan and seconded by Mr. Ross Girtman to come out of executive session. The motion carried.

### **A. GRAIN DEALER (NEW)**

1. Indigo Market Place, LLC Livestock Nutrition Center, LLC
2. Midwest Poultry Services, L.P.
3. The Andersons, Inc
4. Ms. Rose SCMW Grain Broker

A motion was made by Mr. Stephan Logan and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve the above grain dealer license applications with Indigo Market Place, LLC and Indigo Ag, Inc being deferred to the next meeting with the request that they provide their June 30 financial statement, unaudited if necessary, a positive equity and an explanation of the relationship between Indigo Ag, Inc. and Indigo Marketplace LLC and that they must meet the minimum guidelines of \$100,000 net worth. The motion carried.

### **B. GRAIN DEALER AND WAREHOUSE**

1. Simplot Grower Solutions

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Stephan Logan to approve Simplot Grower Solutions application for a grain dealer and warehouse. The motion carried.

## **VII. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL: (RENEWALS)**

### **A. COTTON MERCHANT AND GRAIN DEALER**

1. Cargill, Incorporated
2. Grain Marketing Services, LLC
3. Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Ross Girtman and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the above applications. The motion carried.

### **B. COTTON MERCHANT**

1. Broadway Cotton Co., Inc.
2. Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc.

3. COFCO Americas Resources Corporation
4. Dale Hitt Cotton Co, LLC
5. Farmers Cotton of Louisiana, LLC
6. Jabbour Cotton Company
7. Lakeland Cotton Company
8. P.J.S. Incorporated
9. Ryan Ellington Cotton, LLC
10. Staple Cotton Cooperative Association
12. The Seam, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Stephan Logan and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the above applications with Mr. Ryan Ellington and Donald Schexnayder abstaining. The motion carried.

C. GRAIN DEALER

1. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
2. Bertrand Rice, LLC
3. BU Growers, LTD
4. Bunge North America, Inc.
5. Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc.
6. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
7. Consolidated Grain and Barge, Co.
8. CSC Gold, Inc.
9. Erwin Keith, LLC
10. Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc.
11. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.
12. FBN CM, LLC
13. Gatlin Group, Inc.
14. Gavilon Grain, LLC
15. Gulf Rice Milling, Inc.
16. Hansen-Mueller Company
17. Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer, Co.
18. Harvest Rice, Inc.
19. James Craig Pitre/Pitre Rice
20. Lansing Louisiana, LLC
21. Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Association, Inc.
22. Miller-Bowie Supply
23. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
24. Producers Rice Mill, Inc
25. Purina Animal Nutrition
26. Ragan & Massey, Inc.
27. Red River Grain
28. Riviana Foods Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse
29. Soileau Rice Broker
30. South Louisiana Rail Facility, LLC
31. Sunrise Foods International, Inc.
32. The Scoular Company

A motion was made by Mr. Ross Girtman and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the above applications. The motion carried.

D. WAREHOUSES

1. Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc.
2. Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC
3. Jones Producers Gin, Inc.
4. Producers Rice Drier
5. Rayne Rice Drier and Warehouse
6. Tri-Parish Rice Drier, Inc.
7. Vermilion Farmers Coop Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross Girtman and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the above applications. The motion carried.

E. WAREHOUSE & GRAIN DEALERS

1. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
2. Fenton Rice Cooperative
3. Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc.
4. Holly Ridge Rice & Grain
5. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC .
6. Lake Arthur Drier, LLC
7. Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc.
8. Mowata Rice Drier, Inc.
9. Pointe Coupee Farmers Elevator Inc.
10. Supreme Rice, LLC
11. Sweet Lake Land & Oil Company
12. Third Crop, LLC
13. Thornwell Warehouse Association
14. Ville Platte Rice Drier, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the above applications with Mr. Donald Berken abstaining from #13. 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 TBD**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman