

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

May 31, 2017

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 09:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks
Mr. Donald Berken
Mr. Tom Russell
Mr. Ronald Petree
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Elliott Ater
Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher
Mr. Kevin Webb

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain
Mr. Stephen Logan

There was a quorum of eight (8) members present.

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Steve Sessums
Director, Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission, Kyra Fitzgerald
Assistant Director, Weights and Measures, Paul Floyd
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Royshard Rushing
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Legal Counsel Lindsey Hunter
Administrative Assistant V, Lisa Sonnier
Administrative Assistant III, Nicole Robino

III. Adoption of Minutes – March 7, 2017

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

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Old Business

1. Self-Insurance Fund and Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund Balances

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the balance of the Self-Insurance Fund was approximately \$1.6 and that the balance of the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund was approximately \$5.1 million. However, Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that these balances seemed to be incorrect and that further investigation is required to verify these numbers. The correct fund amounts were approximately \$876,000.00 in the Self-Insurance Fund and approximately \$4.3 million in the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund.

VI. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:
(Renewal Applications)

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Tom Russell to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Cotton Merchants and Grain Dealers

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license applications:

1. Cargill, Incorporated
2. Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Cotton Merchants

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Cotton Merchant license applications:

1. Broadway Cotton Company
2. Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc.
3. Farmers Cotton of Louisiana, LLC
4. Staple Cotton Cooperative Association
5. The Seam, LLC

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Grain Dealers

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to approve the following Grain Dealer license applications with Mr. Tom Russell abstaining.

1. Archer-Daniels-Midland Company
2. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
3. BU Growers, LTD
4. Bunge North America, Inc.

5. Commodity Specialists Company
6. Erwin Keith, LLC
7. Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc.
8. Feather Crest Farms, Inc.
9. Gatlin Group, Inc.
10. Gulf Rice Milling, Inc.
11. Hansen-Mueller Company
12. Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Co., Inc.
13. Harvest Rice, Inc.
14. Lansing Louisiana, LLC
15. Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Association, Inc.
16. Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients
17. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
18. Pointe Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc.
19. Producers Rice Mill, Inc.
20. Ragan & Massey, Inc.
21. Riviana Foods, Inc.
22. The Scoular Company

The motion carried.

D. Warehouses

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Ronald Petree to approve Warehouse applications:

1. Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc.
2. Producers Rice Drier
3. Tri-Parish Rice Drier
4. Vermilion Farmers Coop Association, Inc.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Warehouses and Grain Dealers

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications with Kevin Webb and Donald Berken abstaining:

1. Angelina Grain Company, LLC
2. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
3. Fenton Rice Cooperative
4. Holly Ridge Rice & Grain
5. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC
6. Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc
7. Third Crop, LLC
8. Thornwell Warehouse Association
9. Ville Platte Rice Drier, Inc.

The motion carried.

VII. New Business

VIII. Public Comment

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

IX. Date for the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Kevin Webb to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman