

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
LOUISIANA AQUATIC CHELONIAN RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD
APRIL 24, 2013, 10:00 A.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806
Proceedings

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairmen Dr. Robbins at 10:02

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Robbins led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Stacy Welch

Members Present: Dr. Robbins representing Commissioner Strain, Keith Boudreaux, George White, Jr., Howard Spann, Roy Nugent, Dianne Strange, and Kenny Davis.

Members Absent: Gary Alleman, Jessie Evans, Felix Blanchard, and Joseph Williams.

Ms. Welch declared a quorum was met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

George White, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2013 board meeting. Mr. Boudreaux seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walther gave an update on the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Dr. Stacy said the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) letters were mailed out last week.

Financial statements were passed out to the board members.

Mr. Walther advised the board that in order to get into a contract with Dr. Sakla, the board will have to follow state guidelines on the laws and regulations. The board will initiate the contract and it will have to be approved through the office of contract reviews and the Attorney General's office. Dr. Sakla wanted to do his own in house contract and has decided not to represent the board now.

Mr. Walther reported Mr. Eddie Jolly and Dr. Mark Mitchell's trip to Washington D.C. was changed to Atlanta to meet with the FDA.

Motion:

Motion was made by Howard Spann to approve the travel expenses up to \$2,000 per person for Dr. Mark Mitchell and Mr. Eddie Jolly. Motion was seconded by Keith Boudreaux. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Greg Lutz, LSU Ag Center, gave a presentation of the Ag Research Proposals.

Mr. Marvin Montgomery spoke with the board in reference to the FDA and CDC proper procedure in approaching them with a request.

Discussing was made to change from 4 inch turtles to 2 inch turtles due to the FDA regulations.

Motion

Motion was made by Mr. White to amend from 4" turtles to 6 months hibernated and naturally raised turtles. Motion was seconded by Keith Boudreaux. Motion passed.

Mr. Boudreaux requests that the LDAF be more knowledgeable about international turtle issues.

Motion

A Motion was made to except the research proposal as presented with research to be forwarded to Dr. Stacy for additional letter from LDAF to go to United States Fisheries and Wildlife (USFW). Mr. Boudreaux made motion. Motion was seconded by Dianne Strange. Motion passed.

The Board will also get a copy of this letter.

Motion

Mr. Boudreaux made a motion to accept probiotic treatment to replace less beneficial microflora. Motion was seconded by Dianne Strange. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Boudreaux made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Strange seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Meeting dismissed at 12:06 a.m.