

Louisiana Beef Industry Council Meeting

September 25th, 2015

8:00 a.m.

5852 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Black.

Roll call by Mack Shelton.

Members present: Ronald Black, Joey Blanchard, Ed Lopinto, Dr. Sheila Pitre, Walter Smith, Randy Toups, Mack Shelton, Amelia Kent, Marty Wooldridge, and John Walther (representing Mike Strain).

Motion: Dr. Sheila Pitre made the motion, seconded by Randy Toups, to adopt the minutes from the 8/21/2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Polly Ruhland of CBB presented an LBIC New Board Orientation which was very informative.

Motion: After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mack Shelton and seconded by Ed Lopinto to hire Michael K. Glover at a rate of \$85.00 per hour to reconcile the ending balances of LBIC at the time accounts were closed on 8/14/2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Joey Blanchard and seconded by Amelia Kent to hire CPA Peter P. Barrios to perform work on behalf of the LBIC for a fee of \$900.00 to \$1100.00 per month with an option of LBIC to retain Mr. Barrios for two more years. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Walter Smith made a motion, seconded by Joey Blanchard, for LBIC to establish a banking relationship with Chase Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Marty Wooldridge made a motion, seconded by Mack Shelton, for the LBIC Executive Committee, along with one representative from the LCA appointees, to prepare a plan to be presented to the CBB by October 30, 2015, in order to get approval to restart full LBIC operations. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Marty Wooldridge made a motion, seconded by Walter Smith, for LBIC to receive proposals at the next meeting to create and maintain a LBIC website. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Marty Wooldridge made a motion, seconded by Randy Toups, to pay \$3400.00 to CPA Michael K. Glover for last year's audit whenever LBIC funds become available. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Walter Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sheila Pitre, to approve an \$875.00 sponsorship for the State Fair chili cook-off. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Marty Wooldridge made a motion, seconded by Walter Smith, to pay a bill owed to Chesteen & Associates, LLC for \$615.00 whenever LBIC funds become available. Motion passed unanimously.

LBIC took no action concerning the funding of activities by LCA at the State Fair which includes hotel rooms for kitchen volunteers, ribeyes for First Bale of Cotton or Champion's Breakfast, etc. until we receive a written application for funding.

LBIC took no action on a bill for Hoffman Media, LLC for the amount of \$815.00 until we have more information on what it is for.

Motion: Walter Smith made a motion, seconded by Sheila Pitre, to reimburse LCA \$79.76 for Entergy bills whenever funds become available. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Amelia Kent made a motion, seconded by Joey Blanchard, to table a request from Ralph's Market Food Fest. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Marty Wooldridge made a motion, seconded by Walter Smith, to table a request from Louisiana Junior Beef Grazing Program and Louisiana Beef Poster Contest. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Randy Toups made a motion, seconded by Marty Wooldridge, to table a request from ULM Ag Day until we receive more information. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Amelia Kent made a motion, seconded by Marty Wooldridge, to deny a request for Claiborne Christian School for funds to support their cross country track team. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on a request from Feed the Troops. We will ask for additional information.

Motion: Walter Smith made a motion, seconded by Marty Wooldridge, to deny 2016 Guns & Gumbo 4-H Youth Development Fundraiser funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Randy Toups made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sheila Pitre to deny funds for Run with the Nuns Charity Ride and Cook Off. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on a request from Dean Lee Research Station Cattle & Forage Field Day, because the activity is scheduled to occur prior to LBIC regaining funds.

Motion: Randy Toups made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sheila Pitre, to give a \$1000.00 sponsorship to the Louisiana Cattle Festival whenever LBIC funds become available.

Louisiana Beef Industry Council's next meeting was set for Friday, November 13th, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

LBIC adjourned.

Minutes Approved by LBIC November 13, 2015