

*Draft MINUTES*

**LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD**

**CROWLEY, LOUISIANA**

**June 26, 2013**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jackie Loewer, Richard Fontenot, Clarence Berken, Donald Berken, Damian Bollich, Dane Hebert, Johnny Hensgens, Robert Miller, Sammy Noel, Ronnie Sonnier, Brian Wild, Fred Zaunbrecher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Waller

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carrie Castille, Richard Ieyoub, Carol LeDoux, Rogers Leonard, Steve Linscombe, Mike Salassi, Bruce Schultz, Scott Soileau, Mike Strain

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Chairman Jackie Loewer opened the Louisiana Rice Research Board meeting at 12:30 pm. Mr. Loewer welcomed the guests. The minutes from the previous meeting was presented.

**ACTION #1** A motion was made by Robert Miller and seconded by Damian Bollich to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**ACTION #2** A motion was made by Robert Miller and seconded by Samuel Noel to go into Executive Session.

**ACTION #3** A motion was made by Richard Fontenot and seconded by Dane Hebert to conclude the executive session and begin the regular Louisiana Rice Research Board meeting.

Chairman Jackie Loewer called the meeting back to order. Mr. Loewer reviewed the agenda.

Carrie Castille, LDAF, presented a collections report and stated that there was presently a balance of \$86,874.31 and \$1,368,641.58 expected to be transferred to the Board on July 1, 2013.

Scott Soileau presented the May 31, 2013 Operating Report (copy attached) and reviewed the current financial position of the Board. He also stated that an invoice from the USA Rice Federation is needed.

**ACTION #4** A motion was made by Donald Berken and seconded by Dane Hebert to accept the financial report as presented by Mr. Soileau. Motion carried.

Chairman Loewer began a discussion of the Colombia Export Trading Company. He stated that the funds received from Colombia ETC are to be used for research.

**ACTION #5** A motion was made by Richard Fontenot and seconded by Fred Zaunbrecher to allow Chairman Jackie Loewer to represent the Louisiana Rice Research Board as Director on the Colombia ETCR. Motion carried.

The Colombian visit/touring schedule was discussed and Mr. Loewer explained the proposed program for the visitors. Fees incurred by Mr. Loewer are reimbursed to him by the Colombian ETCR. Colombian funding for 2012 - \$434,000 – the auction in February & upcoming auction will provide approximately \$680,000 – with another auction in October (approximately \$100,000). A report has to be sent to them to let them know how the funds are used.

**ACTION #6** A motion was made by Brian Wild and seconded by Donald Berken to establish a committee consisting of Clarence Berken, Chairman, Donald Berken, Dane Hebert, Jason Waller, Fred Zaunbrecher. This committee would be responsible for making recommendations to the Board on how the Colombia ETCR funds should be spent. Guidelines will be needed on how funds should be used. All were in favor – motion carried.

LSU AgCenter update – Steve Linscombe expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support. He stated that Field Day was very successful.

Dane Hebert asked for discussion from Dr. Linscombe on red rice.

There was discussion regarding subpoenas for Charles Reiners, Hundley Brothers, Zaunbrecher Brothers & Loewer Brothers – subpoenaed wanting documents – BASF/Bayer CropScience – Liberty Link Rice issues – 2006 – Bayer is suing BASF.

Steve Linscombe presented Frankie Gould's report (copy attached) on the timeline for the 2014 LRRB publication. Suggestions for articles will be appreciated.

There was discussion on Vietnam ship (loaded with rice) - Phyto-sanitary issues.

Legal Issues – Chairman Loewer stated that no decisions needed to be made per discussion in Executive Session.

Chairman Loewer briefly discussed USA Rice Producers Group activities.

USA Rice Foundation – there was discussion on projects

Intellectual Property Rights & Royalty – Richard Fontenot discussed the Memorandum of Agreement draft (copy attached) and suggested that the Board sign on and support – It will be reviewed/revised annually by the Board. There was discussion on keeping the Chancellor on the committee for consensus. Mr. Loewer recommended Richard Fontenot, Ronnie Sonnier and Brian Wild be on the advisory committee with the AgCenter.

**ACTION #7** A motion was made by Donald Berken and seconded by Johnny Hensgens to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement. All in favor - None opposed, Motion carried.

Public Servant Ethics Training – Richard Fontenot stated that on October 28, 2012, Kyle McCann emailed all the Louisiana Rice Research Board members about the Code of Governmental Ethics Training.

The Louisiana Rice Research Board considered 'Election of Officers.'

**ACTION #8** A motion was made by Brian Wild and seconded by Ronnie Sonnier that the present slate of officers remain as it – Jackie Loewer, Chairman, Clarence Berken, Vice-Chairman and Richard Fontenot, Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

Chairman Loewer discussed the date, time, and format for the next meeting. The Louisiana Rice Research Board members agreed that the next meeting of the Board be held on October 29, 2013, beginning at 8am at the Rice Research Station, and that they follow the same format as the 2012 meeting which is presentations 8am to noon, then establish funding levels and the budget in the afternoon.

**ACTION #9** A motion was made by Robert Miller and seconded by Brian Wild to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.