

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

May 21, 2014

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks
Mr. David Bollich
Mr. Donald Berken
Mr. Filmore Bordelon
Mr. Keith Hensgens
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher
Mr. Stephen Logan

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain
Mr. Lee Carter

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

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Benjy Rayburn
Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission,
Kyra Holden

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, John Smith
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Royshard Rushing
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton
Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott

III. Adoption of Minutes – February 27, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

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

**V. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:
(New Application)**

A. Grain Dealer

1. Ergon BioFuels, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve Ergon BioFuels, LLC's Grain Dealer license application. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Cotton Merchants and Grain Dealer

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

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license applications: #1 Cargill Incorporated and #2 Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC. The motion carried with Mr. David Bollich abstaining from voting on the Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license application #2 Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC.

B. Cotton Merchant

1. Broadway Cotton Company
2. Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc.
3. Farmers Cotton Company, Inc.
4. Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc.
5. Staple Cotton Cooperative Association
6. The Seam, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berkin to approve the following Cotton Merchant license applications: #1 Broadway Cotton Company, #2 Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc., #3 Farmers Cotton Company, Inc., #4 Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc., #5 Staple Cotton Cooperative Association and #6 The Seam, LLC with #1 Broadway Cotton Company, #3 Farmers Cotton Company, Inc. and #4 Noble Ellington

Cotton Co., Inc., being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried with Mr. Ryan Ellington abstaining from voting on #4 Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc.

C. Grain Dealer

1. Archer-Daniels-Midland Company
2. Bertrand Rice, LLC
3. Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc.
4. Commodities Specialist Company
5. Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc.
6. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.
7. Feather Crest Farms, Inc.
8. Gavilon Grain, LLC
9. Gulf Rice Milling, Inc.
10. Harrington Rice and Soybean Buyer Company
11. Harvest Rice, Inc.
12. Lansing Louisiana, LLC
13. Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Assoc., Inc.
14. Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients
15. Point Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc.
16. Producers Rice Mill, Inc.
17. Ragan and Massey, Inc.
18. The Scoular Company

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Grain Dealer license applications: #1 Archer-Daniels-Midland Company #3 Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc., #4 Commodities Specialist Company, #5 Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc., #6 Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc., #7 Feather Crest Farms, Inc., #8 Gavilon Grain, LLC, #9 Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., #11 Harvest Rice, Inc., #12 Lansing Louisiana, LLC, #13 Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Assoc., Inc., #14 Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients, #15 Point Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc., #16 Producers Rice Mill, Inc., #17 Ragan and Massey, Inc., #18 The Scoular Company with #14 Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients, being placed in the Monitoring. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. David Bollich to approve Grain Dealer license applications: #2 Bertrand Rice, LLC and #10 Harrington Rice and Soybean Buyer Company with both being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried. Mr. Filmore Bordelon abstained from voting on Grain Dealer license applications, #2 Bertrand Rice, LLC and #10 Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Company. The motion carried.

D. Grain Dealer and Warehouse

1. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
2. Fenton Rice Co-op
3. Holly Ridge Rice & Grain
4. Lake Arthur Rice Drier, Inc.
5. Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc.
6. Third Crop, LLC

7. Thornwell Warehouse Association

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications: #1 Crowley Grain Drier, Inc., #3 Holly Ridge Rice and Grain, #4 Lake Arthur Rice Drier Inc., #5 Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc., #6 Third Crop, LLC. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications: #2 Fenton Rice Co-op and #7 Thornwell Warehouse Association. The motion carried. Mr. Donald Berken abstained from voting on Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications, #2 Fenton Rice Co-op and #7 Thornwell Warehouse Association. The motion carried.

E. Warehouse

1. Crowley Rice Drier Co-op, Inc.
2. H & E Grain, LLC
3. Hardy Rice Dyer, LLC
4. Producers Rice Drier, Inc.
5. Tri-Parish Rice Drier, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the following Warehouse license applications with all under the Monitoring Program: #1 Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc., #2 H & E Grain, LLC #3 Hardy Rice Dyer, LLC, #4 Producers Rice Drier, Inc., and #5 Tri-Parish Rice Drier. The motion carried.

VII. Old Business

1. Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund Balance

Ms. Kyra Holden reported that there is an approximate balance of \$2,703,089.00 in the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund.

2. Central Louisiana Grain Bankruptcy

The staff, at the February 27th meeting, was asked by the board to research the status of a pending lawsuit in the Central Louisiana Grain Bankruptcy matter that had been brought to the board's attention. Mr. Benjy Rayburn stated that after some research, it had been determined that the lawsuit in question appears to have been abandoned, and that no further action was necessary.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any new business. There was none.

IX. Public Comment

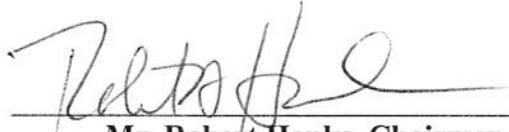
Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

IX. Date for the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman