

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
January 21, 2016
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

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

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain

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

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Benjy Rayburn
Director, Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission, Kyra Fitzgerald
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, John Smith
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton
Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott
Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry General Counsel, Lindsey Hunter

III. Adoption of Minutes – October 01, 2015

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

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Old Business

1. Regulation Revisions

Mrs. Kyra Fitzgerald presented to the board revisions to LAC 7:XVII. Agricultural Commodity Dealer and Warehouse Law. After careful review of the revisions, with some language suggestions, the board agreed with the revisions and approved moving forward with the promulgation process.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and second by Mr. Stephen Logan to accept the regulations as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and second by Mr. Ryan Ellington that as long as there were no substantive changes to the revised regulations, the staff may move forward and complete the promulgation process, adopting the revisions to LAC 7:XVII. Agricultural Commodity Dealer and Warehouse Law as required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

2. GCIF and SIF Balances

Mrs. Kyra Fitzgerald stated that the GCIF balance is \$3,702,104.24 and that the SIF Balance is \$1,175,277.29.

VI. New Business

1. Renewal Licensing

Mrs. Kyra Fitzgerald stated that the licenses will be mailed out mid-March for this renewal year.

2. Legislation

Mr. Benjy Rayburn informed the board that there will be legislation requiring our agency to access the Louisiana Central Registry for liens whenever there is to be a payout to farmers.

There was also discussion regarding term limits for board members. In 2008, legislation was passed that imposed term limits for board members as stated in R.S. 42:3.2 and that the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission needs to be aware of this legislation as it will affect their service on any Louisiana state board.

VII. Public Comment

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

VIII. Date for the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman