



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

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COMMISSIONER



LOUISIANA BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION COMMISSION

November 05, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Scott Research and Extension Center
212 Macon Ridge Road
Winnsboro, LA 71295
Minutes

Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jack Daily at 10:03 a.m.

Agro-Consumer Services

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ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Tonya Peairs.

Members present: George Lacour, Jack Dailey, Boyd Holley, Tim White, Ben Guthrie, Todd Parker (representing Commissioner Strain), Dr. David Kerns (representing Chancellor Richardson).

Members absent: Danny Logan and Travis Walker

Others present: Dr. Rogers Leonard, Brian Breaux, Marc Bordelon, Tad Hardy, Nolan Adcock, Becky Wilkerson, Martin Close, Luke Sayes, John Dumas, Vernon Thomas, Tabitha Gray (attorney representing La. Dept. of Ag & Forestry), Tim Payne, David Crigler and Tonya Peairs.

Animal Health & Food Safety

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Forestry

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Management & Finance

P.O. Box 3481
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Holley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lacour and passed unanimously.

Soil & Water

Conservation
P.O. Box 3554
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
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Fax: 922-2577

FAILED ACRES/WAIVER OF ASSESSMENT REQUEST

There was a discussion regarding Mr. Ted Glaser's request for waiver on failed acreage.

Motion: Mr. Lacour made a motion to waive 50% of Mr. Glaser's cotton acreage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holley and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Parker discussed Attorney General Opinion (#13-0123) regarding Louisiana's participation in the National Boll Weevil Protection Fund and also discussed the October 15, 2013 Supreme Court of Louisiana ruling regarding the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board and Louisiana Rice Research Board as it relates to participation in the fund and to the boll weevil assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from the Commissioner

There was no new report from the Commissioner.

Update from the Director

Mr. Bordelon gave an update on monies collected (assessments and late fees) and pending liens. Mr. Bordelon also discussed plans to sell or lease the office building in Winnsboro, La. The personnel currently housed in said office will transfer to unused office space located at the Macon Ridge Research Station. He also spoke on reduction of the Boll Weevil workforce as a result of decreased cotton acreage.

Technical Advisory Committee

Dr. Kerns informed the commission that there was no new report but the Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in February 2014.

USDA Report

There was no report from USDA.

Farm Bureau Oversight Committee Report

Mr. Breaux introduced Mr. Tim Payne, Field Services Director for Louisiana Farm Bureau. Mr. Breaux informed the commission that he was able to speak to several active cotton producers around the state by telephone. Those calls were all positive in nature and the Boll Weevil Eradication Program still has the support of the producers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Leonard announced that the Cotton Incorporated Project Review Committee will meet on November 19, 2013 at the Scott Research and Extension Center.

ADJOURN

Mr. Daily adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.