

**LOUISIANA BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION COMMISSION**

**April 12, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Scott Research and Extension Center**

**212 Macon Ridge Road**

**Winnsboro, LA 71295**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jack Dailey at 10:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Tonya Pears.

Members present: Jack Dailey, Tim White, Kody Beavers, Ben Guthrie, Dr. Ansel Rankins (representing Commissioner Strain), Dr. Michael Salassi (representing Dr. Lucien Laborde), and Hank Jones. Alternate members present: Russ Ratcliff, John Frierson Jr.

Members absent: Thomas Parker

A quorum was present.

Others present: Marc Bordelon, Kurt Moreau, Tina Peltier, Mike Turner, Nolan Adcock, Dr. Tyler Towles, Paeton Burkett (LDAF Council).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

Mr. Dailey welcomed the new members to the commission and introductions were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2021, Zoom meeting. Mr. Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MAINTENANCE FEES**

**Motion:** Mr. Guthrie made a motion to grant the requests of waivers for all who requested them. Mr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bordelon updated the members on the status of the payment of fines from the last meeting and the amount of maintenance fees that went unpaid and was sent to DOJ for collections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Report from the Commissioner**

Dr. Rankins gave a background on Ms. Burkett's credentials and education and updated the commission on retirements and new hires throughout the Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Division. Dr. Rankins informed the commission that the last unwanted pesticide pickup event held in Crowley in November was a huge success resulting in a little over 100 tons of unwanted pesticides collected. He spoke of the new training for private applicator licenses-in collaboration with the LSU Ag Center. Lastly, Dr. Rankins informed the commission members of the statement going out in the Boll Weevil instruction letters making the producers aware that if any monies are owed to the Department of Agriculture, by law, the department may deny, withhold, or revoke any licenses, permits, certifications or registrations any producer may hold or apply for within the Department of Agriculture & Forestry.

### **Update from the Director**

Mr. Bordelon reminded the commission members to complete their annual Ethics and Sexual Harassment training.

### **Technical Advisory Committee**

There was no update from the Technical Advisory Committee.

### **Farm Bureau Oversight Committee Report**

There was no update from the Farm Bureau Oversight Committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. White. Mr. Beavers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Dailey adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.