

LOUISIANA BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION COMMISSION

December 09, 2014

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. Danny Logan at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Tonya Peairs.

Members present: Danny Logan, Luke Sayes, Jack Dailey, Todd Parker (Representing Commissioner Strain), Tim White, David Kerns (Representing Chancellor Richardson)

Members absent: George Lacour, Ben Guthrie

Others present: Tad Hardy, Brian Breaux, Kurt Moreau, Nolan Adcock, Vernon Thomas, Becky Wilkerson, Ronald Williams, John Dumas, Travis Walker, Sebe Brown

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2014 meeting. Mr. Sayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FAILED ACRES/WAIVER OF MAINTENANCE FEE REQUEST

There were three requests for waivers of Boll Weevil maintenance fees paid due to the failure of the crop. Those requests were made by Willie E. Nelson, Jackie Adams Farms, and Angeleah Graham. There was a discussion on waiver requests from prior years and monies spent, if any, on the fields in question.

Motion: Mr. Dailey made a motion to grant the requestors a waiver of the maintenance fees that were paid on 100% of their failed acres. Mr. Sayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bordelon updated the commission on the changes made to the Boll Weevil Regulations in August 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from the Commissioner

Mr. Parker thanked the commission for their help getting the Boll Weevil Regulations changed to be included under the Horticulture and Quarantine Division's Crop Pests and Diseases Law. He also informed the commission that Boll Weevil monies are being moved to the Horticulture and Quarantine Division.

Update from the Director

Mr. Bordelon updated the commission on stalk destruction. Each employee in attendance gave a short report on how many stalks were remaining in their area, 2014 cotton yields, and early indications of cotton acreage for the 2015 crop year, if known.

Mr. Bordelon and Mr. Daily updated the commission on information that was discussed at the Boll Weevil Action Committee meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas pertaining to the National Boll Weevil Protection Fund and the current boll weevil situation in the Lower Rio Grande Valley region of Texas. Mr. Breaux talked about Farm Bureau and Louisiana Cotton and Grain Association beginning the process of setting up a Non-Profit organization to collect voluntary contributions to go towards the fund.

A report on fees collected and fees still pending was also given.

Technical Advisory Committee

Dr. Kerns gave an update on stalk destruction recommendations from other states. The commission members tasked the Technical Advisory Committee to discuss and recommend stalk destruction policy changes, if any, for Louisiana, and report back at next meeting.

USDA Report

There was no report from USDA.

Farm Bureau Oversight Committee Report

Mr. Breaux told the commission that all grower contact that he has received or initiated regarding the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, have all been positive in nature.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Mr. Logan adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.