

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH MEETING

December 3rd, 2020

10:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Boulevard, 1st Floor

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

Proceedings

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Walther at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE

John Walther led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by John Walther, LDAF Assistant Commissioner Agriculture and Forestry.

Members present: Clark Cooper DVM, Craig Fontenot DVM, Kurt Cazayoux, Tom Early, Anna Chapman DVM, Bill Holdman, Dale Cambre, Nickey Smith, Giles Brown, Rayburn Smith, Cyd Collings, Lennie Crawford, Law Ponder

Members absent: Dan Cason, Vendal Fairchild

Guests Present:

Jesse Perry Brand Enforcement officer LDAF, Assistant AG office, Attorney, Amy McInnis attorney for the Board of Animal Health LDAF, Mike Strain, DVM Commissioner of Agriculture for the state of Louisiana, Brent Robbins, DVM State Veterinarian for Louisiana, Derrick Perry for Rockin I Farms

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Mike Strain approached thanked and welcomed the board to a new session for the year. Dr. Strain spoke at length about the necessity of the board in the creation of important livestock legislation, upcoming legislative session, the recent COVID-19 numbers as well as the upcoming vaccine approval through the FDA. He spoke concerning the eradication of brucellosis and fight to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in the US. Dr. Strain also touched on the concerns within the thoroughbred racing community as it pertains to Lasix use. The board also congratulated the commissioner on his birthday.

John Walther then asked for a moment of silence to remember BOAH member, Mr. Butch Racca, who passed away on November 6th, 2020.

Amy McInnis completed the oral swearing in of the newly appointed board member.

ELECTIONS

Clark Cooper, DVM motions to elected Craig Fontenot, DVM as BOAH Chairman; motion is seconded by Giles Brown. Craig Fontenot, DVM is elected as Chairman.

Craig Fontenot motions to elect Thomas Early as Vice Chairman; motion is seconded by Rayburn Smith. Thomas Early is elected as Vice Chairman.

Tom Early motioned to elect John Walther as Director, seconded by Giles Brown.

Motion is passed.

Tom Early motioned to elect Daniel Myrick, DVM as Assistant Director, seconded by Bill Holdman.

Motion is passed.

Craig Fontenot calls for a motion to enable and delegate authority the staff to act on behalf of the BOAH for all routine regulatory matters. Motion is made by Giles Brown and seconded by Law Ponder. Motion is passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Fontenot asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Animal Health Meeting.

Law Ponder made a motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Motion was seconded by Tom Early. Motion passes; minutes of Board of Animal Health meeting have been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

John Walther spoke concerning the including the collection of fines by the secretary of the board. As of December 3rd, 2020 four letters of collection has been sent to Mr. Jacob Thompson demanding payment and four letters have also been sent to Gary Thompson demanding payment. It was also made mention that the Attorney General's office/ Department of Collections would be taking over the collection of those fines.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Livestock Charter Hearing

B. Application to approve the livestock charter for Derrick Perry is presented to the board by John Walther. Derrick Perry is present for questions concerning his proposal reopen the poultry/ small animal auction at Rockin I Farms. After a short discussion, motion was made by to grant a livestock charter to Derrick Perry.

Motion was made to approve Derrick Perry's livestock charter hearing by.

Motion to approve the livestock charter is seconded by Rayburn Smith.

The livestock charter application for Derrick Perry/ Rockin I Livestock market is approved.

C. As neither Jacob Thompson nor Tara Sanders will be making an appearance due to possible contact with COVID-19; bring placed into self-imposed quarantine the adjudicatory hearings for their cases and the livestock dealer's permit for Ms. Sanders will be granted a continuance until the next scheduled board meeting.

Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Craig Fontenot, DVM then moved to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.