

**LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD**  
**APPROVED** Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Minutes

LSU Rice Research Station, Crowley, LA  
Friday, June 29, 2022

**Call to order, opening comments and certification of quorum**

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 12:58 pm and welcomed members and guests. Quorum was certified. Board Members 7 Present 4 Absent

**Agenda review and approval of November 30, 2021 minutes**

Chairman Owen presented the agenda and the minutes for consideration.

**MOTION** by Kane Fontenot; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson  
To accept agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Paul Johnson  
To accept the November 30, 2021 minutes as submitted

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Legal Update**

Chairman Owen read the Attorney's letter indicating the Ruling will be appealed in the fall.

**LARPB Financial Reports**

Nicole Broussard, CPA presented the current financial report noting that Assessments to-date for the current fiscal year was \$791,327.51 with refunds to-date of \$ 57,342.18.

Chairman Owen asked the Board to review the financial reports including the general ledger. There were no questions from the Board concerning the financial reports.

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **SECOND** by Kane Fontenot

To approve financials statements as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Board Updates**

A listing of Board Members who submitted their Ethics training, sexual harassment training and Financial Disclosures were emailed. Several Board members are not in compliance.

## **Certified LA Grant Update**

Jennifer Marsh updated the Board on the Certified LA Rice Campaign that was paid with the funds received from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Mark Pousson spoke to the Board about their Certified LA Grant.

## **In-state, Board-Directed Promotion Projects Update**

Kane Webb updated the Board on recent Rice Promotion Projects.

## **Funding Requests Reports**

- USA Rice Council - Betsy Ward, Sarah Moran and Michael Klein
- Louisiana Independent Rice Producers Assn - Mark Pousson
- LA Radio Network - Jennifer Marsh
- LA Farm Bureau (TWILA) - Avery Davidson

## **Act on Funding Requests**

**MOTION** by Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Paul Johnson  
To accept funding of Ag Magic in the amount of \$1,000.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Paul Johnson; **SECOND** by Kane Fontenot  
To accept funding of LA Radio Network Campaign in the amount of \$12,925.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Paul Johnson; **SECOND** by Tommy Faulk  
To accept funding of Ag Expo in the amount of \$3,850.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Mark Pousson; **SECOND** by Tommy Faulk  
To accept funding of USRPA/LIRPA in the amount of \$25,000.  
**MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 3 NO VOTES**

**MOTION** by Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Tommy Faulk  
To accept funding of US Rice Farmer's Group not to exceed \$16,000.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Tommy Faulk; **SECOND** by Kent Brown  
To accept funding of LA Farm Bureau (TWILA) in the amount of \$5,000.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Tommy Faulk; **SECOND** by Kane Fontenot  
To accept funding of U. S. A. Rice Council at the minimum amount of \$400,000.00 but not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

## **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Act on Contracts**

#### Nicole D. Broussard, CPA

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **SECOND** by Tommy Faulk

To approve the contract with Nicole D. Broussard, CPA for professional accounting services for an annual fee of \$5,075.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Borne, Wilkes & Rabalais, LLC

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **Second** by Kane Fontenot

To approve the contract with Borne, Wilkes & Rabalais, LLC for professional legal services for an annual fee of \$2,000.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### U. S. A. Rice Council

**MOTION** by Kane Fontenot; **Second** by Paul Johnson

To approve the contract with U. S. A. Rice Council.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### U. S. A. Rice Farmer's Group

**MOTION** by Tommy Faulk; **Second** by Kent Brown

To approve the contract with U. S. A. Rice Farmer's Group.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### USRPA/LIRPA

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **Second** by Tommy Faulk

To approve the contract with USRPA/LIRPA in the amount of \$25,000

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Amended Budget and New Budget**

#### 2021 – 2022 Amended Budget

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **Second** by Mark Pousson

To approve the 2021 – 2022 Amended Budget.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 2022 – 2023 Budget

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain; **Second** by Kane Fontenot

To approve the 2022 – 2023 Amended Budget.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Election of Officers**

Chairman Owen requested nominations for Officers.

**MOTION** by Mark Pousson, **Second** by Dr. Mike Strain

To nominate John Owen as Chairman, Kane Fontenot as Vice-Chairman and Tommy Faulk as Secretary/Treasurer and Tommy Faulk, Christian Richard and Paul Zaunbrecher as signatories on the checking account.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Appointments**

**MOTION** by Dr. Mike Strain, **Second** by Kent Brown

To appoint Edward Barousse as the Board's Education Liaison on Ethics.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Mark Pousson **Second** by Paul Johnson

To reappoint Christian Richard as the board's representative to Louisiana Rice Farmers' Group.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Public Comments**

Chairman Owen called for public comments.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Kane Fontenot

To adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting at was adjourned at 4:32 pm.