

LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD

Board of Directors Meeting

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station, Crowley, LA

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Call to order, opening comments and certification of quorum

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 10:16 am and welcomed members and guests. Quorum was certified.

PRESENT: John Owen, Christian Richard, Kent Brown, Kane Fontenot, Mark Pousson, Paul Zaunbrecher and Michelle Ribera, Representative for Dr. Strain

ABSENT: Paul Johnson, Tommy Faulk, Josh Andrus, Luther “Buster” Hardee

Agenda review and approval of the minutes

Chairman Owen presented the agenda and the minutes for consideration.

MOTION by Kane Fontenot; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson

To accept agenda presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Kane Fontenot; **SECOND** by Paul Zaunbrecher

To accept the **June 26, 2020** minutes as submitted with one correction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LARPB Financial Reports

Nicole Broussard, CPA with Kolder, Slaven & Co, LLC, submitted the current financial report and it was presented by John Owen noting that July – October, 2020 Assessments was \$155,508.36 with related refunds of \$2,999.75. Nicole has also submitted \$85,950.01 for reimbursements from the LDAF Reimbursement Grant. The amounts reported were compared to the budget. Budgeted amounts are adequate.

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 Paul Zaunbrecher; **SECOND** by Kane Fontenot

To approve financials statements as rendered.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Updates

Chairman Owen updated the Board on the ongoing lawsuit, Market Access Promotion and the required Ethics training, Sexual Harassment training, and Financial Disclosures.

Certified LA Grant Update

Chairman Owen updated the Board on the Certified Louisiana Program. The LA Certified Grant for next year will be \$15,000.00

In-state, Board-Directed Promotion Projects Update

Kane Webb updated the Board on recent Rice Promotion Projects.

Mark Pousson updated the Board on LIRPA Certified LA

Public Comments

Chairman called for public comments.

Steven Linscombe spoke of Outlook 2020. The sessions were limited and no graduating class. They are hoping to resume in March.

Kane Webb spoke of the LA Rice Council/Producer's Annual Meeting. They are still discussing to postpone or limit attendees.

Adjournment

MOTION by Paul Zaunbrecher; **Second** by Mark Pousson

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Owen at 11:21 am.