

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

LSU Ag Center  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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

Vice Chairman Kane Fontenot called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm and welcomed members and guests. Roll Call was taken, and a Quorum was certified. Vice Chairman Fontenot then explained the purpose of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board.

**Agenda review and approval of November 30, 2022, minutes**

Vice Chairman Fontenot presented the agenda and the minutes for consideration.

**MOTION** by Christian Richard; **SECOND** by Tommy Faulk  
To accept agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Fred Scott Franklin; **SECOND** by Eric Unkel

To dispense with the reading of the November 30, 2022, minutes and to accept the minutes as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**LRPB Financial Reports**

Nicole Broussard, CPA presented the current financial report noting that through November 30, 2022, the Assessments were \$265,425.30 and the refunds were \$9,883.02. The refunds are about 4%.

Vice Chairman Fontenot 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 Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Paul Zaunbrecher  
To approve financials reports as rendered.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Election of Officers**

**MOTION** by Fred Scott Franklin; **SECOND** by Mark Frey

To nominate Kane Fontenot as Chairman of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson

To close the nominations for Chairman

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**KANE FONTENOT WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD**

**MOTION** by Kane Fontenot; **SECOND** by Christian Richard  
To nominate Fred Scott Franklin as Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Tommy Faulk; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson  
To close the nominations for Vice Chairman  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FRED SCOTT FRANKLIN WILL SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD**

**MOTION** by Christian Richard; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson  
To nominate Tommy Faulk as Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Eric Unkel; **SECOND** by Kent Brown  
To close the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TOMMY FAULK WILL SERVE AS SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD**

#### **Other Business:**

**Lawsuit Update** – Chairman Fontenot read a statement on the latest lawsuit proceedings.

**Grant Update** – Mark Pousson stated he was declining the awarded funding request from the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board.

**Next Meeting** – June 28, 2023

#### **Public Comments**

Chairman Fontenot called for public comments.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Eric Unkel; **SECOND** Mark Frey  
To adjourn the meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting at was adjourned at 1:45 pm