

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

**LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station, Crowley, LA
Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

Officers and Members Present:

John Owen, Jeff Durand, Ronald Habetz, Jimmy Hoppe, Christian Richard, Kent Brown, Thomas "Tommy" Faulk, Glenden Marceaux, Kevin Berken, Paul Johnson and Dr. Mike Strain

Staff Present:

Nicole Broussard and Scott Privat

Others Present:

Renee Simon, Michelle Rivera, Bruce Schultz, Dustin Harrel, Cain Webb

Call to order, opening comments and certification of quorum

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed members and guests. Quorum was certified.

Agenda review and approval of June 28, 2017 minutes

Chairman Owen presented the agenda and the minutes for consideration.

MOTION by Jimmy Hoppe; **Second** by Jeff Durand

To accept agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Tommy Faulk; **Second** by Glenden Marceaux

To accept the June 28, 2017 minutes as submitted

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Louisiana Department of Agriculture Report

Dr. Mike Strain updated the Board about the LA Dept of Agriculture.

LARPB Financial Reports

Nicole Broussard, CPA with Broadhurst, Hamilton & Co., presented the current financial report.

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 Ronald Habetz, **SECOND** by Kent Brown

To approve financials statements as rendered.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marketing Division Update

Dr. Mike Strain introduced Renee Simon with the LDAF. They gave an update on the funds available through the Marketing Division Grant. A grant in the amount of \$500,00 has been funded. The Louisiana Rice Promotion Board has been awarded \$100,000 of the grant. This grant will be a reimbursement type plan.

A small committee consisting of Kevin Berken, Christian Richard, Paul Johnson and John Owen was formed to discuss the promotion spending through the Marketing Grant.

Other Business

Chairman Owen made a funding request on behalf of the Northeast Louisiana Rice Grower's Association in the amount of \$3,000 for the Ag Expo.

MOTION by Tommy Faulk, **SECOND** by Kevin Berken

To approve funding request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments

Chairman Owen called for public comments. None were offered.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kevin Berken; **Second** by Ronald Habetz

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting at was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.