

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

Minutes

LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station
June 30, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Fontenot, John Denison, John Earles, Alan Lawson, Sammy Noel, Kim Frey, Gerald Leonards, Jeffery Sylvester, Eric Savant, Damian Bollich, David Lacour, Dr. Mike Strain

MEMBERS ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT: Jason Waller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dane Hebert, Jude Doise

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Brown, Adam Famoso, Mike Salassi, Bruce Schultz, Scott Soileau, Kane Webb, Kurt Guidry, Steve Linscombe, Dustin Harrell, Betsy Ward, Frankie Gould, Carol LeDoux, Derek Albert, Todd Parker, Lester Cannon, Andy Schade, Wade Baumgartner, Don Groth.

Chairman, Richard Fontenot called the Louisiana Rice Research Board (LRRB) meeting to order at 1:07 pm and asked members to review the agenda items. He noted that if the Board would allow, he would allow Betsy Ward to report earlier in the meeting so she could transition to the LA Rice Promotion Board Meeting happening concurrent to the LRRB.

ACTION #1 A motion was made by Sammy Noel, seconded by Jeffery Sylvester and carried, to approve the agenda as amended.

Chairman Fontenot then asked board members to review the minutes while he addressed LSU's personnel and thanked them for their efforts for a great field day. Fontenot added that he gave his address as a part of the field day, so he did not have much to add. But he congratulated the faculty on an outstanding event. He also highlighted the artwork gifted to the board in honor of their efforts for the endowment and asked that thanks be passed on again to Dr. Richardson for commissioning the work.

The Board next considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

ACTION #2 A motion was made by Damian Bollich, seconded by Alan Lawson and carried, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented.

Betsy Ward then presented an update from USA Rice. She thanked the board for their continued support in membership to the foundation and support of their programming. She gave some brief policy updates on happenings in Washington D.C. and noted that the Rice Leadership program was back on track after a pause for COVID. Ms. Ward also reminded the group about the Rice Outlook Conference and that it was on track to be held in New Orleans in December. She encouraged attendance and was excited to be back in Louisiana. The Board discussed a few issues with Betsy related to trade and what that meant for the markets in LA. Ward then adjourned to the next meeting.

The LDAF May 2021 assessment collections report was then presented by Andy Brown. For the month of May assessment collections paid to the Board (gross) was \$82,568.65. The year to date gross assessment collections were \$1,407,904.48 and year to date refunds were \$113,398.05. Brown compared these figured to budgeted figures and showed that the board's budget projections were very close to realized collections and refunds with one month left to collect in the fiscal year. Brown also briefly mentioned the drastic drop in COL-Rice TRQ funds, but would address that further down the agenda. Brown noted for the board to keep that shortfall in mind though heading into the fall budgeting season, and provided the board a breakdown in dollars spent on research projects from checkoff collections vs. TRQ funds (documents attached). The board briefly discussed the TRQ issues and the need to prioritize research projects and discussed with LSU measures to reflect those priorities in next year's proposals.

Scott Soileau then reviewed the May 31, 2021 financial operating report (attached). He reviewed each of the various fund balances and discussed the current financial position of the Board. The Board discussed their current financial position and the current fund balances in regards to refunds and disbursements. Soileau called into question the balance of the EU-TRQ funds, with no funds being distributed from the Rice Foundation for EU/AARQ this year. Fontenot asked Brown and Soileau to review those funds further and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION #3 A motion was made by Eric Savant, seconded by Sammy Noel and carried, to receive and file the financial and collections reports.

Col-Rice Representative John Denison then gave a report on the Col-Rice Board activities. The Board has plans to meet in the coming month, so Denison did not have a direct report from that meeting yet. However, Denison explained that the first two tenders were substantially down from the trend, especially with last years purchases exceeding expectations. He asked Brown to share the news that the 2nd auction results of 2021 were so low that there wouldn't be any return to states from that sale. So YTD, COL-Rice funds were \$13,476.87. Denison explained that the tonnage was being requested to be retendered for auction, but that he didn't foresee there being much change. From his understanding, the Columbian market didn't need the rice this year, so demand simply wasn't there for much purchase of the U.S. crop. He assured the board he would report back at the next meeting from their upcoming board meeting, but he encouraged them to be prepared to find a substantial cut in the budget from use of COL-Rice Funds.

The Board further discussed this need to prepare for low col-rice funds and

asked LSU what they could do ahead of the RFP process to notify researchers that there may be a shortfall in available funds this year. After some discussion, it was determined that Dr. Guidry could put together a survey for the board to quantify priorities and it was discussed of what the timeline would need to be to get the information back for the PI's in a timely fashion.

ACTION #6 A motion was made by David Lacour, seconded by Kim Frey and approved that Dr. Guidry and the AgCenter would create and disseminate ranking survey of projects to the Board in July via electronic means.

The Board then decided that the Program Review Committee could work to analyze the results of this survey and work with LSU to screen projects ahead of the November presentations and would decide if all projects needed presenting ahead of that meeting.

Fontenot then reviewed subcommittee assignments. LRRB Col-Rice Committee was then discussed, as members currently serving were asked their pleasure on continuing to serve on this subcommittee. Dane Hebert (chair), David LaCour, Jeffery Sylvester, and Gerald Leonards and John Earles agreed to be reappointed to this subcommittee by unanimous consent. Similarly, the IP committee members John Dennison (chair), Alan Lawson, Jude Doise, Jason Waller, and Sammy Noel were reappointed to this subcommittee by unanimous consent.

Fontenot then discussed that the Program Development Committee did not meet upon its formation, but would be implemented to review the survey results and work with LSU and other PI's to focus the scope of research to best match these priorities and farmer interests. The board discussed this committee for this new goal could use a few more members, just for this project review. Current members include Fontenot (chair), Bollich, Frey, Savant.

ACTION #7 A motion was made by Eric Savant, seconded by Damian Bollich and carried, that the Board approve the committee assignments as presented, with Sammy Noel and Jeffrey Sylvester be temporarily added to the Program Development meeting.

Dr. Mike Salassi then updated the board on the LSU AgCenter Activities. Fontenot asked Salassi to join him to make a special presentation to Bruce Schultz, who was retiring after many years of service as the communications personnel for the rice station, rice board, and had covered many other important rice topics through the years. Fontenot also made a presentation to Dr. Don Groth who had retired last year, but could not be presented a thank you for service due to COVID restrictions to the meetings. Schultz and Groth addressed the Board and thanked them for their working relationship and friendships. Dustin Harrell also presented Schultz with a faculty group gift.

Salassi continued by updating the board on staffing changes and introduced Derek Albert who is replacing Schultz in communications. He noted Groth's position had been offered to 2 candidates, but both declined for other offers. He noted a few other positions in transition. He also then turned to Frankie Gould, who asked the Board

to review topics for the upcoming annual report. The Board noted they would review and get back with Gould at a later date if needed.

Salassi then asked Andy Schade to join him in giving the annual LSU Foundation update on the Board's endowment activities. Schade distributed a report as of April 2021. This report (attached) showed the board had given \$3 Million, which had grown to a market value as of April 30 at \$3,545,910. Schade reviewed what that meant in terms of return to the endowed chair position and also where the board was at with obligated fees per the endowment agreement.

Fontenot then asked the board to consider the proposal that the Executive Committee and LSU Foundation had sent electronically prior to the meeting. This proposal, per the rapid growth in funds, was to reallocate current dollars from one endowed chair position to two chair positions. It was proposed that the survey work and overall consensus was the Board's greatest focus and successes have come in variety development, and thus a new endowed chair position in variety development would be a good use of funds to ensure the success of that program for years to come. The board then discussed what that would require, in terms of their agreement and how it would effect the current chair. Schade and Salassi shared that the growth of the funds had not been realized yet in return to the chair, and that this year's allocation to the chair would be based on prior values, not the current approximate \$3.5 M value.

Schade continued to note that because the board was the sole provider of funds, not matching funds from the board of regents, that they could simply amend their agreement to designate the new chair. The Board discussed the name of the chair, reconfirmed that no new fees would be assessed due to this amendment, and the benefits that could come by contributing to the variety program in perpetuity.

ACTION #8 A motion was made by John Dennison, seconded by Damian Bollich, and carried for LRRB to amend their current endowment agreement to allocate one-third or \$1 Million (whichever is greater) of the Endowment principal to be transferred to a new endowed chair fund, supporting the Louisiana Rice Research Board Chair for Rice Variety Development.

Sammy Noel requested that the agreement show that this transfer of funds this is not a new gift and thus should not be subject to a Development Support Fee. Schade agreed to facilitate that in the agreement. He then noted that the current balance on the Development Support Fee could be paid in full prior to the transfer of funds to eliminate confusion of which fund owed what fees.

ACTION #9 A motion was made by Sammy Noel, seconded by Gerald Leonards and carried to allow the remaining Development Support Fee be paid by the current endowment funds prior to the valuation of the accounts for the split into one-third for the new chair and two-thirds for the current chair.

Kane Webb gave a brief update, noting Betsy Ward ad covered most of their activities. He mentioned upcoming LA Rice Growers meetings and other activities related to Rice Outlook Conference.

Dr. Linscombe gave an update regarding the USA Rice Foundation and thanked the board for their support. Dr. Linscombe discussed Latin America Rice Quality

Research. He gave an update on the Rice Leadership program and recent tours in MO, MS, and AR. He noted that applications for the next class were opening soon and encouraged the Board to find applicants to apply. Linscombe also added his perspectives on the chair position, research priority survey, and other research activities he was familiar with.

Fontenot briefly discussed general movement with legal matters related to the board. Fontenot noted there had been a switch in the presiding judge, with the retirement of Judge Clark. He also noted the court had approved the defendant's appeal against the expansion of the class of the lawsuit, and that it was back to a 3+ year window, as opposed to the previously expanded class. He mentioned he would continue to look for updates from the counsel and share them as necessary.

Chairman Fontenot then asked Brown to briefly review the ethics training and reporting requirements for Board members. Members will receive reminder emails and texts from Andy Brown, of which he had done for previous deadline in May 2021. Brown noted the next deadline for the board would be for ethics and sexual harassment training by year's end.

Chairman Fontenot then asked Brown to conduct the election of officers. Sylvester asked the current officers present if they were willing to continue to serve in their current role. Fontenot agreed and expressed that while Dane Hebert was absent, he too was willing. Denison agreed as well.

ACTION #10 A motion was made by Jeffrey Sylvester, seconded by Sammy Noel, and carried to reelect all officers for the 2021-2022 term whereas Richard Fontenot – Chairman, Dane Hebert – Vice Chairman, and John Dennison – Secretary/Treasurer.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for Thursday, November 10th. This would be the project review meeting. Committee meetings were also tentatively scheduled prior to the full meeting. Both IP and Col-Rice will meet November 3rd, with IP meetings at 10:00 am and Col-Rice at 1:00pm. A meal will be provided between meetings for both committees. PD Committee would meet at the request of the Chairman once the survey results were distributed.

Fontenot called for public comment. None was heard.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned from a motion from Sammy Noel, seconded and carried by Kim Frey.

A G E N D A
LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD
Business Meeting
June 30, 2021
12:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Approval of Agenda**
 - i. Chairman's Report on Activities**
 - B. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - C. Financials**
 - i. Collection Report**
 - ii. Financial Report**
 - D. Colombia ETCR**
 - i. Col-Rice Update – John Denison**
 - E. Committee Nominations**
 - i. Col-Rice Committee**
 - ii. IP Committee**
 - iii. Program Development Committee**
 - iv. Next meeting date?**
 - F. Updates**
 - i. LSU AgCenter – Dr. Mike Salassi**
 - ii. LSU Foundation Update – Andy Schade**
 - iii. USA Rice Farmers Association – Kane Webb**
 - iv. USA Rice Foundation – Dr. Steve Linscombe**
 - v. Legal Issues**
 - G. Election of Officers**
 - H. Other Business**
 - i. Public Servant Ethics Training Reminder**
 - ii. Next Meeting: Date and Time**
 - I. Public Comments**
- II. Adjourn**

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

Crowley, Louisiana
November 5, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Fontenot, Dane Hebert, John Earles, Alan Lawson, Lester Cannon for LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, Sammy Noel, Gerald Leonards, Jeffery Sylvester, Eric Savant, Jude Doise, John Denison, Kim Frey, Damian Bollich, and David LaCour

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Waller

OTHERS PRESENT: Kurt Guidry, Bruce Schultz, Dustin Harrell, Carol LeDoux, Scott Soileau, Kane Webb (virtually), Don Groth, Mike Salassi, Frankie Gould, Adam Fomoso, Andrew Schade and Andy Brown

The business meeting was called to order following Chairman, Richard Fontenot's, welcome to the group and explanation of Governor Edwards' order to allow virtual attendance of Board and Commission meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fontenot asked the group to be mindful of social distancing protocols and thanked LSU personnel for making sure the meeting could be conducted as such.

ACTION #1 A motion was made by Jude Doise, seconded by Jeffrey Sylvester and carried, to approve the implementation of Governor Edwards' order and suspend committee protocols to allow for virtual attendance.

Chairman Fontenot then began self-introductions, first by turning the floor to Commissioner Strain's new board designee from LDAF, Lester Cannon. Cannon noted he'd replace Benjy Rayburn following Rayburn's retirement. Lester listed his responsibilities with LDAF, including a recent addition of overseeing the Hemp program. Fontenot welcomed Cannon following all board members introducing themselves and noted Rayburn's years of quality service to the board and LDAF.

The Board next considered the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Action 2 A motion was made by Gerald Leonards, seconded by Sylvester and carried to approve the agenda as presented

The Board next considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

ACTION #3 A motion was made by Jeffrey Sylvester, seconded by Leonards and carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on July 1, 2020.

Andy Brown then presented a collections report for both fiscal year end (FY2020) and for YTD Sept 2020. Brown noted the collections were up \$39,428 over budget projections FY2020 creating a carryover surplus. For the month of September assessment collections were \$95,414. The year to date assessment collections were \$138,661 and year to date refunds were \$2550. Brown had spoken with LDAF, and October collections report was being completed, but would not be available for this meeting. Brown then began to walk the board through other financial projections that would be considered later in the meeting for budgeting purposes.

Scott Soileau then reviewed the previous year end June 30, 2020 financial operating report (FY2020). He reviewed each of the various fund balances and discussed the current financial position of the Board. The Board discussed their current financial position and the current fund balances. Of note, Soileau mentioned a higher COL-Rice collection for the year than anticipated. He expected pace to return closer to trend in coming months. Soileau also noted the contributions to the LSU Foundation Endowment had reached the initial goal of \$2.5 million from contributions made in FY20.

Action #4 A motion was made by Kim Frey, Seconded by Leonards and carried, to receive and file the collections and financial reports presented.

For interest of time, Chairman Fontenot then asked the board to consider allowing USA Rice Report earlier in the agenda. With no objections, various USA Rice staff shared information about the virtual format for the 2020 Rice Outlook Conference. Steve Linscombe gave updates regarding foundation programs, postponement of Rice Leadership activities, and updates regarding foundation research. Michael Klein and Sarah Moran gave project updates, with Moran's report relating to TRQ fund projections discussed in the financial report.

The Intellectual Property Committee report was then presented by committee chairman John Dennison. This year \$150,000 was available for projects. The committee recommend funding project requests as presented (attached). Chairman Fontenot reviewed the committee's purpose and the funding process, with he and Dennison noting that these funds would continue to decrease over time unless new IP contract were agreed to. Mike Salassi reminded the Board that the LSU AgCenter royalty funds are not transferred to the Board but are allocated to projects recommended by the committee and approved by the Board under the MOU. The majority of royalties come from technology used in other states and countries. Royalties will decline as patents roll

off. The committee also heard from Salassi on a potential agreement between the LSU AgCenter and a private company Nutrien Ag Solutions to partner in breeding efforts. Salassi noted this would get more up front contribution from a company who would likely benefit from breeding efforts at LSU.

ACTION #4 A motion was made by Jeffrey Sylvester, seconded by Dane Hebert and carried to approve the funding recommendations of the IP Committee of totaling \$150,000 with \$20,000 for rice/crawfish project request, \$39,500 for a research specialist, and \$90,500 to support farm management.

The Board then considered Col-Rice Fund Use Committee report and funding recommendations for Col-Rice TRQ funds. Dane Hebert presented the Col-Rice Committee report and recommendations. The Committee discussed the endowment and the success to reach \$2.5 million. The Committee recommended the funding of one project, \$20,000 for black bird control for 2021. They also recommended allocating the remainder of Col-Rice TRQ funds of \$660,000 to be made available for two plot combines (one for pest management and one for weed control projects) and a flex harrow for the South Farm. The Board discussed how the Col-Rice TRQ funds became available, the process in place and the future of this source of revenue.

ACTION #6 A motion was made from the committee's action through Dane Hebert, seconded by Gerald Leonards and carried, that the Col-Rice committee recommendations for Col Rice TRQ funds be approved as presented for \$20,000 be allocated for 2021 black bird depredation and the allocation of an additional \$660,000 for equipment needs requested (two plot combines {one for pest management and one for weed control projects} and a flex harrow for the South Farm).

The Board then considered representation for Louisiana on the national Col-Rice Committee. Chairman Fontenot noted that John Dennison had been serving in this role and was interested in continuing to serve. Discussion ensued amongst the board on the role of this committee.

ACTION #7 A motion was made by Gerald Leonards, seconded by John Earls and carried to reappoint John Dennison as Louisiana's Col-Rice representative.

The Board then considered the checkoff assessment and EU TRQ income estimates and operating budget. Andy Brown reviewed the assessment income for this year's crop, checkoff income balances as of 6/30/20 and the board's operational budget estimates for FY 2021. After some discussion and general agreement on income estimates and operating expenses, the Board began to discuss the proposed research projects (continuing and new) and the funding requests. Other budget considerations, such as legal fees and projections on future TRQ incomes were discussed. Chairman

Fontenot charged the group to give extra consideration to the validity and usefulness of projects funded, to not become dependent on TRQ funds for research. FY2020's short crop required use of TRQ funds for research, Fontenot noted, but that becoming dependent on those dollars would be a disservice to the researchers moving forward if that funding continues to decrease as projected.

The Board then entered into review of each continuing project and established funding levels for 2021 by reducing some projects and maintaining some others at their 2020 levels. The Board then reviewed new projects and selected new projects to be funded for 2021.

ACTION #9 A motion was made by Dane Hebert, seconded by John Dennison and carried to approve funding levels for the LSU AgCenter 2021 new and continuing projects at a total funding level \$2,400,109. (Continued projects should be funded at \$1,321,868 for continuing from checkoff dollars, \$62,200 for new from checkoff dollars, \$329,971 from remaining COL-Rice funds and \$6070 from EU-TRQ funds)

Dr. Salassi then discussed faculty changes, announcing Dustin Harrell as the new Rice Station Director upon Don Groth's retirement. Harrell would thus turn over his extension specialist duties upon this new appointment. The Board congratulated Dustin on his appointment and thanked Dr. Groth for his great years of work.

Dr. Salassi introduced Andrew Schade, a representative for the LSU Foundation, who then gave the 2020 Endowment Report, updating the board on the performance of the invested funds and allocation of funds (report attached).

The approved projects, final funding level allocations and budget are attached. After agreeing to the 2020 funding allocations and budget, the Board considered the necessary contracts for 2020.

ACTION #10 A motion was made by John Dennison, seconded by Damian Bollich and carried to approve the funding levels, budget and necessary contracts for FY2021 with organizations and individuals in the amounts agreed to in the approved operating budget and project allocations; USA Rice up to \$15,060; The Rice Foundation \$35,000; accounting with Dugas, Soileau and Breau \$1,600; administrative with Andy Brown \$2,000. LSU AgCenter in the amount of \$2,400,109 for projects and \$500,000 for an endowment installment at the LSU Foundation.

Andy Brown then briefly reviewed the ethics training and reporting requirements for Board members. The online ethics training is an annual requirement to be fulfilled by the end of the year. Members were encouraged to send their completion certificate to

Andy Brown via email. There is also a new requirement for a virtual sexual harassment training that Brown had distributed electronically.

Fontenot concluded business by giving a brief legal matters update. There had been some activity regarding appeals, with some reaching the state supreme court in coming months.

The next Board meeting would potentially be held in June 2021 immediately following the field day program, depending on COVID restrictions at that time.

The Public Comment period was held. No comments were received.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Louisiana Rice Research Board Income Statement

May 2021

	May 21	Jul '20 - May 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
R. RESEARCH ASSESMEN...	82,568.65	1,407,904.48
Total Income	82,568.65	1,407,904.48
Gross Profit	82,568.65	1,407,904.48
Expense		
PAID TO LDAF		
PD TO LDAF-RICE RSRCH	0.00	12,000.00
Total PAID TO LDAF	0.00	12,000.00
REFUNDS		
RICE RESEARCH	14,919.18	113,398.05
Total REFUNDS	14,919.18	113,398.05
PAID TO BOARD		
PD TO RICE RESRCH BD	67,649.47	1,282,506.43
Total PAID TO BOARD	67,649.47	1,282,506.43
Total Expense	82,568.65	1,407,904.48
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	0.00
Net Income	0.00	0.00

Budget Snapshot FY21

Checkoff Projections	Checkoff YTD (11 Months)	Budget Difference	FY20 June Collections (Projected Collections)	Estimated Difference in Projections vs Realized Collections
\$ 1,466,556.00	\$ 1,407,904.48	\$ (58,651.52)	\$ 47,637.69	\$ (11,013.83)

Budget Estimated Refunds	Actual Refunds
9%	8.05%

	Total \$ spent on projects	% of COL-Rice for total research spent
2021	\$ 1,714,039.00	19.25
2020	\$ 1,803,806.00	49.28
2019	\$ 2,107,950.00	28.70
2018	\$ 1,839,536.00	32.43
2017	\$ 1,798,913.00	17.71
2016	\$ 1,582,147.00	0.00
2015	\$ 1,507,147.00	0.00
2014	\$ 1,268,904.00	0.00
2013	\$ 1,335,447.00	0.00

Colombia FTA - Rice

	2017	2018	2019	2020
TRQ (mt)	98,448.37	102,878.55	107,508.08	112,345.95
Tariff (%) *	80.00	73.85	67.69	61.54
LRRB Inc	\$ 1,581,100.71	\$ 691,095.11	\$ 1,044,480.52	\$ 1,953,463.17

	2021	2022
	117,401.52	122,684.58
	55.38	49.23
\$13,476.87 (YTD)		



DUGAS, SOILEAU & BREAU, L.L.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Louisiana Rice Research Board
Crowley, Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Louisiana Rice Research Board (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of May 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities for the eleven months then ended. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures and the statement of cash flows required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The supplementary information contained in the schedules of TRQ Funds and Income from Louisiana Department of Agriculture and TRQ Funds is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the representation of management. The information was subject to our compilation engagement; however, we have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on such supplementary information.

We are not independent with respect to Louisiana Rice Research Board.

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LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2021 and 2020

See Accountant's Compilation Report

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$3,415,765	\$3,902,483
Cash held by Department of Agriculture	100	100
Accounts receivable - Department of Agriculture	<u>660,321</u>	<u>171,088</u>
Total assets	<u>\$4,076,186</u>	<u>\$4,073,671</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$1,221,209	\$ 1,400
Unrestricted net assets	<u>2,854,977</u>	<u>4,072,271</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$4,076,186</u>	<u>\$4,073,671</u>

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
 Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2021 and 2020
 See Accountant's Compilation Report

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:		
Check-off funds - new check-off - Louisiana Department of Agriculture	\$ 1,407,904	\$ 1,315,775
EU - TRQ funds	-	5,961
COL - TRQ funds	52,105	2,148,919
Interest income	6,831	15,146
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,466,840</u>	<u>\$ 3,484,801</u>
Expenses:		
Payments to LSU Ag Center:		
Check-off funds	\$ 1,149,510	\$ 1,208,951
EU - TRQ funds	20,535	41,805
COL - TRQ funds	949,417	746,927
Payments - The Rice Foundation	35,000	35,000
Payments - USA Rice Federation	26,480	15,155
Endowed Chair	500,000	1,000,000
Auditing	4,305	4,500
Professional services	3,600	3,600
Miscellaneous expense	-	110
Collection charge - Louisiana Department of Agriculture	12,000	12,000
Refunds of check-off funds paid	113,398	113,561
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,814,245</u>	<u>\$ 3,181,609</u>
Change in net assets	\$ (1,347,405)	\$ 303,192
Net assets - beginning	<u>4,202,382</u>	<u>3,764,518</u>
Net assets - ending	<u>\$ 2,854,977</u>	<u>\$ 4,067,710</u>

LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

SCHEDULES OF TRQ FUNDS
 Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2021 and 2020
 See Accountant's Compilation Report

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Beginning balance EU - TRQ funds	\$ <u>37,752</u>	\$ <u>73,340</u>
Revenues:		
The Rice Foundation	\$ -	\$ 5,961
Interest income	<u>35</u>	<u>248</u>
	\$ 35	\$ 6,209
Expenditures:		
L.S.U. Ag. Station	<u>37,787</u>	<u>41,805</u>
Revenues less expenditures - EU - TRQ funds	\$ <u>(37,752)</u>	\$ <u>(35,596)</u>
Ending balance - EU - TRQ funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,744</u>
Beginning balance - COL - TRQ funds	<u>\$3,498,417</u>	<u>\$3,000,756</u>
Revenues	\$ 52,105	\$2,148,919
Interest income	<u>5,914</u>	<u>13,302</u>
	\$ 58,019	\$2,162,221
Expenditures:		
L.S.U. Ag Station	\$ 944,659	\$ 746,927
USA Rice Federation	11,050	-
USA Rice Foundation	17,500	-
Endowed Chair	<u>500,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
	\$1,473,209	\$1,746,927
Revenues less expenditures - COL - TRQ funds	<u>(1,415,190)</u>	<u>415,294</u>
Ending balance COL - TRQ funds	<u>\$2,082,227</u>	<u>\$3,416,050</u>

Louisiana Rice Research Board
Schedules of Income from Louisiana Department of Agriculture and TRQ Funds
Years Ended June 30, 2016 through 2021

Monthly Income	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
July	\$44,389	\$124,219	\$66,001	\$12,065	\$109,668	\$17,447
August	109,251	20,536	40,324	35,196	85,167	25,800
September	111,644	75,206	100,390	80,234	67,962	95,414
October	179,174	90,655	151,196	119,887	125,655	120,434
November	198,027	141,354	131,680	157,922	140,245	99,594
December	137,479	114,759	121,907	138,695	112,358	122,099
January	168,676	173,127	194,768	79,315	296,372	355,236
February	117,758	142,082	130,202	259,753	180,405	184,999
March	134,482	179,578	66,107	172,275	74,564	160,887
April	126,890	153,711	245,494	99,909	80,025	143,425
May	96,860	119,348	105,466	85,039	42,354	82,569
June	86,042	90,186	48,643	105,814	47,638	
Total Check-off funds income	\$1,510,672	\$1,424,761	\$1,402,178	\$1,346,104	\$1,362,413	\$1,407,904
Total EU-TRQ funds income	15,639	15,297	24,667	28,445	5,961	-
Total COL-TRQ income	2,369,995	1,771,278	515,260	955,003	2,148,919	52,105
Total Check-off and TRQ income	\$3,896,306	\$3,211,336	\$1,942,105	\$2,329,552	\$3,517,293	\$1,460,009

Cumulative Check-Off Income	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
July	\$44,389	\$124,219	\$66,001	\$12,065	\$109,668	\$17,447
August	153,640	144,755	106,325	47,261	194,835	43,247
September	265,284	219,961	206,715	127,495	262,797	138,661
October	444,458	310,616	357,911	247,382	388,452	259,095
December	642,485	451,970	489,591	405,304	528,697	358,689
December	779,964	566,729	611,498	543,999	641,055	480,788
January	948,640	739,856	806,266	623,314	937,427	836,024
February	1,066,398	881,938	936,468	883,067	1,117,832	1,021,023
March	1,200,880	1,061,516	1,002,575	1,055,342	1,192,396	1,181,910
April	1,327,770	1,215,227	1,248,069	1,155,251	1,272,421	1,325,335
May	1,424,630	1,334,575	1,353,535	1,240,290	1,314,775	1,407,904
June	1,510,672	1,424,761	1,402,178	1,346,104	1,362,413	

LRRB Col-Rice Committee

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Gerald Leonards

John Earles

IP Committee Members

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Jude Doise

Jason Waller

Sammy Noel

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Last Year's Annual Report

Fiscal Year Runs July 1 to June 30

2020-2021 Endowment Report will be available in November 2021 which details July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 activity

LSU FOUNDATION 2019-20 ENDOWMENT REPORT

Louisiana Rice Research Board Chair for Excellence in Rice Research

Financial Summary for July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020

Endowment Gift Activity

New Gifts During Fiscal Year \$1,000,000

Market Value of Endowment

Market Value of Endowment on June 30, 2020 \$2,578,337

Market Value of Endowment on June 30, 2019 \$1,590,221

Expendable Account Activity

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019 \$12,887

Annual Spending Allocation Revenue \$98,048

Administrative Service Fee (\$23,345)

Development Support Fee (\$37,352)

Expenditures for Impact Purpose (\$1,979)

Amount Available for Spending on July 1, 2020 \$48,260

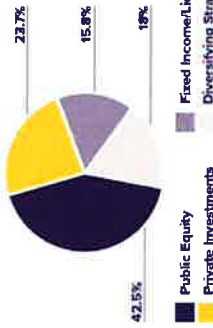
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE | GENERAL ENDOWED PORTFOLIO

This investment portfolio is composed of endowed gifts directed by donors. It is managed by Cambridge Associates, with high-level oversight by the Investment Committee of the LSU Foundation Board of Directors.

PORTFOLIO RETURNS

2019-20 Return	1.7%
3-year Annualized	4.9%
5-year Annualized	4.4%
10-year Annualized	5.85%

ASSET ALLOCATION



Intermediate Update as of April 30, 2021

Endowment Gift Activity

New Gifts During Fiscal Year \$500,000**

Market Value of Endowment

Market Value on April 30, 2021 \$3,545,910

Market Value on June 30, 2020 \$2,578,337

Market Value on June 30, 2019 \$1,590,221

Expendable Account Activity

Current Balance \$44,891

Annual Spending Allocation Revenue (est. 7/1/21) **\$149,152**

Administrative Service Fee (est. 7/1/21) **(\$35,512)**

Development Support Fee (total remaining) \$74,761

Investment Performance

2020-21 Projected Return (as of 4/30/2021) **21.8%**

**DSF charged on new gifts; \$475,000 deposited in account

2022 Rice Research Board Report article topics

1. Verification program – Harrell & Ronnie Levy
2. Remote Sensing, digital agriculture – Luciano and Thanos
3. Row Rice - Dennis Burns, Donnie Miller – irrigation in row rice – Tray Price - - fungicide
4. Crop year - & Storm damage
5. Benefits of rice breeding nursery in Puerto Rico and the impact – Adam
6. Hybrid development - Gard
7. Variety development – discuss 2- 3 varieties – Adam and Angira
8. Insects – Blake Wilson
9. Weed research – Donnie Miller
10. Agronomy – Dustin Harrell
11. Disease research – Trey Price
12. Chairman's letter - Frankie and Andy
13. Parish acreage map - Dustin and Ronnie Levy
14. Variety pie chart - Dustin
15. Economics - Michael Deliberto
16. Board member list Frankie and Andy
17. Funding list – Frankie and Salassi
18. Endowed chair
19. Improvement of Management Strategies for Narrow Brown Leaf Spot on Rice – Jonathan Richards
20. Water management practices of greenhouse gas emissions in main and ratoon crop – Manoch kongchum