

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

June 30, 2015

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 09:38 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks
Mr. Keith Hensgens
Mr. David Bollich
Mr. Donald Berken
Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher
Mr. Stephen Logan

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Filmore Bordelon

There was a quorum of six (6) members present.

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Benjy Rayburn
Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission,
Kyra Holden
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, John Smith
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Royshard Rushing
Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott

III. Adoption of Minutes – May 21, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Steven Logan and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:
(Renewals)**

A. Cotton Merchant

1. Farmers Cotton of Louisiana, LLC
2. Lakeland Cotton Company, Inc.
3. Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc.
4. P.J.S. Incorporated

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the following Cotton Merchant license applications: #1 Farmers Cotton of Louisiana, LLC, #2 Lakeland Grain Company, Inc., #3 Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc., and #4 P.J.S. Incorporated, with: #1 Farmers Cotton of Louisiana, LLC, #2 Lakeland Grain Company, Inc., and #3 Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc., being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Grain Dealer

1. Aaron Duhon Bins, Inc.
2. Acadian Rice Mill, LLC
3. Bertrand Rice, LLC
4. Crews Trading Company, Inc.
5. Delta Gin Company, LLC
6. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.
7. Gatlin Group, Inc.
8. Gavilon Grain, LLC
9. Grainxchange, LLC
10. James Craig Pitre
11. Point Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc.
12. Ragan & Massey, Inc.
13. Red River Grain, Inc.
14. Richard Independent Brokers, LLC
15. Soileau Rice Brokers

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the following Grain Dealer license applications: #1 Aaron Duhon Bins, Inc., #2 Acadian Rice Mill, LLC, #3 Bertrand Rice, LLC, #4 Crews Trading Company, Inc., #5 Delta Gin Company, LLC, #6 Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc., #7 Gatlin Group, Inc., #8 Gavilon Grain, LLC, #9 Grainxchange, LLC, #10 James Craig Pitre, #11 Point Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc., #12 Ragan & Massey, Inc., #13 Red River Grain, Inc., #14 Richard Independent Brokers, LLC, #15 Soileau Rice Brokers with #1 Aaron Duhon

Bins, Inc., #2 Acadian Rice Mill, LLC, #3 Bertrand Rice, LLC, #5 Delta Gin Company, LLC, #9 Grainxchange, LLC, #14 Richard Independent Brokers, LLC, #15 Soileau Rice Brokers being placed in the monitoring program. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Grain Dealer and Warehouse

1. Agspring Mississippi Region, LLC D/B/A Big River Rice & Grain
2. Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc.
3. Lakeland Grain Company, Inc.
4. Mowata Rice Drier, Inc.
5. Planters Rice Mill, LLC
6. Sweetlake Land & Oil Company
7. Ville Platte Rice Drier, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications: #1 Agspring Mississippi Region, LLC, D/B/A Big River Rice & Grain, #2 Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc., #3 Lakeland Grain Company, Inc., #4 Mowata Rice Drier, Inc., #5 Planters Rice Mill, LLC, #6 Sweetlake Land & Oil Company, #7 Ville Platte Rice Drier, Inc. with #3 Lakeland Grain Company, Inc., #4 Mowata Rice Drier, Inc., and #7 Ville Platte Rice Drier, Inc. being placed in the monitoring program. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Warehouse

1. Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc.
2. Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC
3. Jones Producers Gin, Inc.
4. Rayne Rice Drier & Warehouse Co., Inc.
5. Tri-Parish Rice Drier
6. Vermilion Farmers Co-op Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the following Warehouse license applications: #1 Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc., #2 Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC, #3 Jones Producers Gin, Inc., #4 Rayne Rice Drier & Warehouse Co., Inc. and #5 Tri-Parish Rice Drier. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the following Warehouse license application: #6 Vermilion Farmers Co-op Association, Inc., with #6 Vermilion Farmers Co-op Association, Inc. being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried. Mr. Donald Berken abstained from voting on Vermilion Farmers Co-op Association, Inc.

**VI. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:
(New Applications)**

A. Grain Dealer

1. Rose Menou Grain Broker

2. Cheryl Buxton

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the following Grain Dealer license application: Rose Menou Grain Broker, with Rose Menou Grain Broker being placed in the monitoring program. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to defer Cheryl Buxton's application until the October 1, 2015 meeting and for her to appear at the next meeting in order to answer questions as to her experience in the grain/rice industry. The board's motion also requested that Ms. Buxton grant staff auditor's permission to review and audit her financial records to better determine her financial viability for licensure as a grain dealer.

VII. Old Business

1. Revised Legislation

Ms. Holden stated that HB 765, revising Title 3:3401 et seq., had gone through the legislative process and was now awaiting signature by the governor which should be around the middle of August.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Hanks asked if there was any new business. There was none.

IX. Public Comment

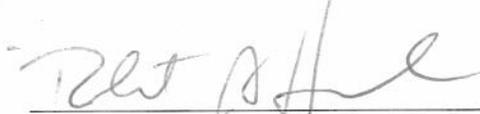
Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

X. Date for the next meeting.

Ms. Holden stated that the next meeting is set for October 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. David Bollich to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman