

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

May 21, 2015

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks
Mr. David Bollich
Mr. Donald Berken
Mr. Filmore Bordelon
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher
Mr. Stephen Logan

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain
Mr. Keith Hensgens

There was a quorum of seven (7) 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, Royshard Rushing
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton
Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott

III. Adoption of Minutes – February 10, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

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

V. Old Business

1. Temporary and Emergency Storage Regulations: Guest Speakers

Guest speakers were invited to speak at this meeting regarding revisions to the Louisiana Administrative Code, Louisiana Agricultural Commodity Dealer and Warehouse Laws rules and regulations pertaining to storage of grain in pods. The three guest speakers were

Mr. Bo Haring with Lansing Louisiana, LLC, Mr. Steve Henderson with Ag Spring Mississippi Region d/b/a Big River Rice and Grain, and Mr. Kyle McCann with Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Association.

Each speaker provided information about the industry and the use of pods, whether temporary or for emergency storage purposes. Each speaker expounded upon both the positive and negative aspects of the use of pods; the need for “temporary” storage and not “permanent” storage, and the expense versus building permanent storage facilities. They also discussed the growing need for oversight regarding this issue but also stated that those using pods would find themselves regulated, in a sense, by the industry itself, in that if the pods are not used properly, i.e. vented, covered and sturdy, then farmers would store their grain elsewhere. They stressed a need for oversight as to the structural viability of the pods as well as a time limit as to how long grain should be stored in pods.

VI. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:

A. Cotton Merchants and Grain Dealer

1. Cargill, Incorporated
2. Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license applications: #1 Cargill Incorporated and #2 Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC. The motion carried with Mr. David Bollich abstaining from voting on the Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license application #2 Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC.

B. Cotton Merchant

1. Broadway Cotton Company
2. Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc.
3. Dale Hitt Cotton Co., LLC
4. Lakeland Cotton Company, Inc.

5. Noble Americas Resources Corp
6. Staple Cotton Cooperative Association
7. The Seam, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to defer #4 Lakeland Cotton Company until the June 30, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Cotton Merchant license applications: #1 Broadway Cotton Company, #2 Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative, Inc., #3 Dale Hitt Cotton Co., LLC, #5 Noble Americas Resource Corp., #6 Staple Cotton Cooperative Association and #7 The Seam, LLC with #1 Broadway Cotton Company, #3 Dale Hitt Cotton Co., LLC, being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Grain Dealer

1. Archer-Daniels-Midland Company
2. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
3. BU Growers, LTD
4. Bunge North America, Inc.
5. Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc.
6. Commodity Specialists Company
7. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.
8. Feather Crest Farms, Inc.
9. Gulf Rice Milling, Inc.
10. Harrington Rice and Soybean Buyer Company
11. Harvest Rice, Inc.
12. Lansing Louisiana, LLC
13. Lockeby Rice & Grain
14. Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Assoc., Inc.
15. Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients
16. Miller- Bowie Supply
17. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
18. Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC
19. The Andersons, Inc.
20. The Scoular Company

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve the following Grain Dealer license applications: #1 Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, #2 Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc., #3 BU Growers, LTD, #4 Bunge North America, Inc., #5 Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc., #6 Commodities Specialist Company, #7 Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc., #8 Feather Crest Farms, Inc., #9 Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., #10 Harrington Rice and Soybean Buyer Company, #11 Harvest Rice, Inc., #12 Lansing Louisiana, LLC, #13 Lockeby Rice & Grain, Inc., #14 Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Assoc., Inc., #15 Mid-South Grain & Feed Ingredients, LLC, #16 Miller-Bowie Supply, Inc., #17 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, #18 Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC, #19 The Andersons, Inc., #20 The Scoular Company, with #5 Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc. and #10 Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Company

being placed in the Monitoring Program with Mr. Filmore Bordelon abstaining from voting on #10 Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Company. The motion carried.

D. Grain Dealer and Warehouse

1. Angelina Grain Company, LLC
2. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
3. Fenton Rice Co-op
4. Holly Ridge Rice & Grain
5. Kaplan Rice Dryer, Inc.
6. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC
7. Lake Arthur Rice Drier, Inc.
8. Louisiana Rice Mill, LLC
9. Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc.
10. Pinnacle Operating Company
11. Producers Rice Mill, Inc.
12. Third Crop, LLC
13. Thornwell Warehouse Association
14. Victory Supply, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications: #1 Angelina Grain Company, LLC, #2 Crowley Grain Drier, Inc., #3 Fenton Rice Co-op, #4 Holly Ridge Rice & Grain, #5 Kaplan Rice Dryer, Inc., #6 Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC, #7 Lake Arthur Rice Drier, Inc., #8 Louisiana Rice Mill, LLC, #9 Mamou Rice Drier and Warehouse, Inc., #10 Pinnacle Operating Company, #11 Producers Rice Mill, Inc., #12 Third Crop, LLC, #13 Thornwell Warehouse Association, #14 Victory Supply, Inc., with #1 Angelina Grain Company, LLC, #5 Kaplan Rice Dryer, Inc., #10 Pinnacle Operating Company, and #14 Victory Supply, Inc. being placed in the Monitoring Program. Mr. Robert Hanks abstained from voting on Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications #8 Louisiana Rice Mill, LLC. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to approve the following Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications: #2 Fenton Rice Co-op and #7 Thornwell Warehouse Association with Mr. Donald Berken abstaining from voting on Grain Dealer and Warehouse license applications, #2 Fenton Rice Co-op and #7 Thornwell Warehouse Association. The motion carried.

E. Warehouse

1. Producers Rice Drier, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the following Warehouse license application: #1 Producers Rice Drier, Inc. The motion carried.

VII. New Business

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

VIII. Public Comment

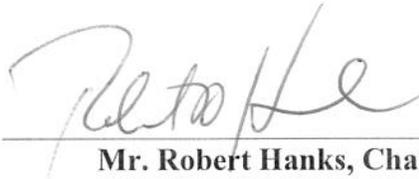
Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

IX. Date for the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Hanks", is written above a horizontal line.

Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman