

Minutes
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
5825 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
October 1, 2015
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

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

Absent Members

Commissioner Strain
Mr. Filmore Bordelon
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Mr. Stephen Logan

There was a quorum of five (5) 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, Dennis Guidry
Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Executive Counsel, Lindsey Hunter

III. Adoption of Minutes – June 30, 2015

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

IV. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

**V. Consideration of License Application for Approval:
Grain Dealer (New Applications)**

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

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

A. Grain Dealer

1. Cheryl Buxton
2. Riviana Foods, Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse
3. Southwest Rice Mill Co., Inc.

1. Cheryl Buxton

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berkin and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to defer the application, pending additional information required by the department, to the next meeting or her application will be denied. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Riviana Foods, Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher to approve the grain dealer license application, Riviana Foods, Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Southwest Rice Mill Co., Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. David Bollich and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the grain dealer license application, Southwest Rice Mill Co., Inc., with Southwest Rice Mill Co., Inc. being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business

1. Regulation Revisions

Ms. Holden stated that she and Mrs. Lindsay Hunter are working on revisions to the Agricultural Commodity Dealer and Warehouse Law regulations and that Ms. Holden asked the board to review the preliminary revisions for any changes or corrections. Ms. Holden also stated that as soon as revisions were complete, she would send them to the commission for their review prior to the next meeting.

2. Assessment Analysis

Mr. Bollich asked Ms. Holden to report on commodities, regulated by the commission, sold and the assessments collected for the 2013 – 2014 growing season. Mr. Billy Benton reported these findings to the commission which stated that the collection of assessments versus crops sold were comparable.

VII. New Business

A. Warehouse Licensing

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berkin 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. Mr. David Bollich to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion pertaining to warehouse license requirements and whether certain entities were possibly by-passing state regulations in regards to insurance and the licensing requirements for warehouses. It was determined that those certain entities were not required to be licensed by the state, that federal licensing guidelines supersede state licensing requirements.

VIII. Public Comment

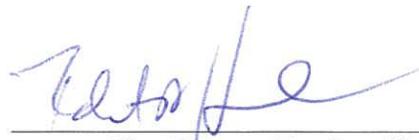
There was no public comment.

IX. Date for the Next Meeting

Is schedule for January 21, 2016.

X. Adjournment

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



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman