

HORTICULTURE COMMISSION MEETING

March 22, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The hearing was called to order by Mr. Bass at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Mrs. Bellington.

Members present: Fred Bass, Todd Parker, Dr. Regina Bracy, Stephen Hoover, Rob Barry, Mitch Mayes, Zefferino Von Kurnatowski and Jack Hopper.

Members absent: Chad Danos, Harold Tani, Aaron Wade, Patsy Spedale and Rusty Ruckstuhl.

A quorum was present.

Others present: Murphy Bell, Commission's Attorney; Tad Hardy, LDAF; Ansel Rankins, LDAF; Deanna Cole, LDAF; and Fran Bellington, LDAF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2011 hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mayes and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Since the Horticulture Law requires the department to employ a Director & Assistant Director, Mr. Parker asked for a motion to appoint Tad Hardy as Director and Ansel Rankins as Assistant Director of Horticulture and Quarantine Programs. Dr. Bracy made a motion to accept the motion as stated. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mayes and passed unanimously.

SET NEXT HEARING DATE

The next Horticulture Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

HORTICULTURE COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Because we have new Commission members, Mr. Hardy asked everyone to introduce themselves and talk a little about the different things that the Commission regulates.

Mr. Rankins and Mr. Bell gave an overview of the Horticulture Law & Regulations and explained how fine amounts are determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hardy gave a report on the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. CLARB (Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board) has made changes to their exam which will cause the Horticulture Law to change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Parker made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hoover and passed unanimously.