

LOUISIANA RICE PROMOTION BOARD
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes

LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station, Crowley, LA
Thursday, January 16, 2020

Call to order, opening comments and certification of quorum

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and welcomed members and guests.
Quorum was certified.

PRESENT: John Owen, Paul Johnson, Christian Richard, Kent Brown, Kane Fontenot, Mark Pousson,
Paul Zaunbrecher and Michelle Ribera, Representative for Dr. Strain

ABSENT: Tommy Faulk, Josh Andrus, Luther "Buster" Hardee

Agenda review and approval of the minutes

Chairman Owen presented the agenda and the minutes for consideration.

MOTION by Kane Fontenot; **SECOND** by Mark Pousson

To accept agenda presented with the following modifications (a) no executive session (b) add Legal Update.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Paul Johnson; **SECOND** by Christian Richard

To accept the **June 26, 2019** minutes as submitted with the following addition (a) LIRPA/USRPA Request

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Kent Brown; **SECOND** by Kane Fontenot

To accept the **September 25, 2019** minutes as submitted

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LARPB Financial Reports

Nicole Broussard, CPA with Kolder, Slaven & Co, LLC, submitted the current financial report and it was presented by John Owen noting that July – December, 2019 Assessments was \$ 384,826.81 with related refunds of \$22,502.52. Nicole has also submitted \$63,362 for reimbursements from the LDAF Reimbursement Grant.

Chairman Owen asked the Board to review the financial reports including the general ledger. There were no questions from the Board concerning the financial reports.

MOTION by Paul Johnson; **SECOND** by Paul Zaunbrecher

To approve financials statements as rendered.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified LA Grant Update

Chairman Owen presented power point presentation on Certified Louisiana Program.

In-state, Board-Directed Promotion Projects Update

Kane Webb updated the Board on recent Rice Promotion Projects.

Annual meeting, Expos, Speakers, Timelines, RTM/Chine Trips in LA, SLRF

Mark Pousson updated the Board on LIRPA Certified LA,

New Orleans conference, Mexico RTM

Other Business

Chairman Owen reminder of Ethics and Financial Statements Disclosures.

Public Comments

Chairman called for public comments.

Discussion about China

Adjournment

MOTION by Christian Richard; **Second** by Paul Zaunbrecher

To adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Owen at 11:06 am.