

MINUTES

LOUISIANA CRAWFISH PROMOTION & RESEARCH BOARD

April 28, 2021

Rice Research Station

Rayne, LA

Call to Order:

David Savoy called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Savoy
Greg Faulk
Ralph Babin
Wayne Romig
Chandra Scarber
Robert Buller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kip Lastrapes
Wylie Jewel
Bill Pizzolato
Jody Meche

Declaration of a Quorum:

A quorum was declared with 6 members present and 4 members absent.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 27, 2021 Board meeting were read.

MOTION BY: Ralph Babin seconded by Robert Buller to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Collections & Financial Report:

David Savoy called on Ron Harrell to present the collections and financial reports. He reported to the Board the current condition of accounts.

MOTION BY: Ralph Babin seconded by Robert Buller to approve the financials. Motion Carried.

Promotion & Research:

Greg Lutz, LSU AgCenter, gave an update on the evaluation of size related and genetic factors influencing susceptibility of red swamp crawfish to white spot syndrome virus. He discussed

three different temperatures and infection studies. Size and infection results, strain isolations and genetics of resistance.

Joshua Vaughan, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, gave an update on the automated crawfish-peeling machine. The Board looked at the current design overview. The head/tail separation subsystem, meat extraction subsystem, crawfish abdomen tail clamp, cutter placement, meat collection subsystem and meat removal testing. In the next quarter the following issues will take place: refinement of sub-systems presented today, further testing, complete user interface implementation, submission of invention disclosure, complete production drawings, documentation, and bill of materials.

MOTION BY: Ralph Babin seconded by Greg Faulk to approve a no-cost extension for this project. Motion Carried.

Donald Dartez gave an update on the Board's website. He will send a monthly report to all Board members with the site traffic and statistics from the website.

Patrick Fields, Nexstar, discussed the digital results from the 2021 social media campaign. The social media campaign are in conjunction with the locations of the 2021 billboard campaign.

Next, Diana Short and Alice Green with USDA, APHIS, VS, NAHMS. NAHMS is a program within APHIS, and is a 100% voluntary program with no regulatory role. NAHMS was created to work with animal agriculture industries to conduct surveys with producers to address information needs that are of importance to them and to their industry. Data provided by producers that participate remains anonymous and all of our results are reported in aggregate form. They wanted to meet with the Board to discuss surveys to address disease concerns that an industry would like to address, but these surveys are tailored to meet a wide variety of information needs. The Board will take a look at a sample survey and discuss at the next meeting.

Board Business:

The Board next discussed the crawfish season.

No public comment

The date for the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at the Rice Research Station in Rayne, LA.

MOTION BY: Robert Buller and seconded by Greg Faulk to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.