

# MINUTES

## LOUISIANA RICE RESEARCH BOARD

Crowley, Louisiana  
November 26, 2012

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jackie Loewer, Richard Fontenot, Donald Berken, Clarence Berken, Johnny Hensgens, Brian Wild, Bobby Miller, Dane Hebert, and Ronnie Sonnier

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Waller, Fred Zaunbrecher, Sammy Noel and Damian Bollich

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Linscombe, Carrie Castille and Kyle McCann

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Jackie Loewer called the business meeting to order.

**ACTION #1** A motion was made by Johnny Hensgens, seconded by Ronnie Sonnier, and carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Chairman Loewer reviewed the agenda.

**ACTION #2** A motion was made by Bobby Miller, seconded by Dane Hebert, and carried to conduct an executive session.

The Board conducted a joint executive session with the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board to discuss legal matters.

**ACTION #3** A motion was made by Richard Fontenot, seconded by Brian Wild, and carried to end the executive session.

**ACTION #4** A motion was made by Richard Fontenot, seconded by Clarence Berken, and carried to engage the law firm of Hymel, Davis and Peterson, LLC.

Richard Fontenot then gave a brief update on the intellectual property (IP) rights committee activities. They had met with LSU Ag Center personnel and discussed past IP issues related to Clearfield technology and how to not only address these issues in the future but also similar IP issues that may develop. They discussed current grower perceptions about the Clearfield technology and the need to communicate how royalties have contributed to funding various aspects of rice research. The committee will be working with the LSU AgCenter on developing an MOU to formally agree on how future IP issues would be addressed. They would like to present the MOU at the field day Board meeting in the summer.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.