

MINUTES

LOUISIANA SOYBEAN AND GRAIN RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD

January 16, 2019

Dean Lee Research Station
Alexandria, Louisiana

MEMBERS PRESENT: JK Bordelon, Dan Turner, Charles Cannatella, Glen Brown, Scott Wiggers, Carlos Polotzola, Darrell Vandeven, Kim Frey, Garrett Marsh, Dustin Morris and Damian Glaser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Ater

OTHERS PRESENT: Rogers Leonard, Bobby Skeen and Kyle McCann

Chairman Cannatella called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

ACTION NO. 1 A motion was made by Carlos Polotzola, seconded by Garrett Marsh and carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of November 16, 2018.

Kyle McCann then reviewed the LDAF December collections report and the YTD collections. The current cash position as of January 11, 2019 and the assessment income projections for the 2018 crop were then presented (see attached). The Board discussed the projections and agreed to use the soybean net assessment income estimate of \$1,300,000 and the wheat and corn assessment income estimate of \$359,982 in establishing available funds for the 2019 projects. The sorghum pass back allocation from the United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP) for 2019 projects was \$6,398.87. Sorghum project allocations were made at the previous meeting totaling \$8,500 the difference of which came from sorghum reserve funds. The Board reviewed the budget worksheet that would be completed by the funding decisions made at the meeting and discussed organizational funding and financial reserves for each fund type.

Chairman Cannatella then asked Dr. Rogers Leonard with the LSU AgCenter to review the proposed projects both new and continuing. Dr. Leonard briefly reviewed the overall research request and answered questions regarding the projects submitted. The Board discussed the amount of sorghum and wheat projects versus the funding available and the future of this work. The Board then reviewed the continuing projects for both soybeans and grain. Funding levels were determined by common consent for each project reviewed. The Board then continued to consider and reviewed each of the new research project proposals submitted and discussed the details of the projects. After all projects were reviewed, funding totals were determined. Budget allocations for the LSU AgCenter projects were established at \$1,484,984 in total for 2019 with soybean funding at \$1,246,272 and wheat and corn at \$230,212 and sorghum at \$8,500. The attached 2019 project list contains the projects approved and funded for 2019-2020 with the LSU AgCenter.

ACTION NO. 2 A motion was made by Darrell Vandeven, seconded by Garrett Marsh and carried, to approve the LSU AgCenter projects and funding levels for 2019 and the necessary contract budget.

The Board then considered the other research funding and promotional organizations' funding. The Board discussed the Mid-South Soybean Board (MSSB) and was provided a proposed project list for 2019 that included five projects with a total funding request of \$118,530.

ACTION NO. 3 A motion was made by Darrell Vandeven, seconded by Carlos Polotzola and carried, to approve the MSSB request of \$118,530 for 2019 and to approve the necessary contracts to perform this research.

The Board next discussed the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and the Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence (AMCOE) project and the work conducted by them. The funding level for NCGA/AMCOE of \$85,000 was agreed to after the future of AMCOE was discussed. Some member states have indicated they may be lowering their support and activities.

ACTION NO. 4 A motion was made by Scott Wiggers, seconded by Kim Frey and carried, to approve funding the NCGA/AMCOE \$85,000 for 2019 and to approve the necessary contract to perform this work.

The Board then considered the US Grain Council (USGC) and recommended the funding remain the same at \$20,000 for 2018.

ACTION NO. 5 A motion was made by Carlos Polotzola, seconded by Kim Frey and carried, to approve funding the USGC \$20,000 for 2019 and to approve the necessary contract to perform this work.

The Board next considered the revised Soybean report and outreach proposal from the Louisiana Radio Network (LN). The Board discussed the new proposal that they had requested and discussed their outreach and communications in general.

ACTION NO. 6 A motion was made by Carlos Polotzola, seconded by Kim Frey and carried, to approve funding the LN \$9,672 for 2019 and to approve the necessary contract to perform this work.

After all projects and funding levels had been agreed upon, the budget worksheet was completed and reviewed (attached).

The Board then discussed the outreach efforts. Ethics reporting and training requirements were also presented to the Board. The Board then discussed the next possible meeting. The Board discussed holding the next meeting in conjunction with an LSU AgCenter field day on June 27th.

Dr. Leonard thanked the Board for their support and input on the research conducted by the LSU AgCenter.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Date