



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of
AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

MIKE STRAIN, DVM *Commissioner*

LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION

JUNE 25, 2025, 9:30 A.M.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

5825 FLORDIA BOULEVARD

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Hanks at 9:38 AM.

II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

LDAF staff, Cindy R. Abbott, called roll.

The following commission members were present:

Ross Girtman
Robert Hanks
Garret Hebert
Stephen Logan
Ronald Petree
Tom Russell
Larry Sayes
Kevin Webb

With eight members present, a quorum was declared. The following commission member was absent:

Ryan Ellington

LDAF Staff Present

Agro Consumer Services Assistant Commissioner: Kevin Finley;

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission Director: Gene Cavalier;

LDAF Agricultural Specialist Warehouse Program Manager: Todd Breaux

LDAF Attorney: Bethany Gonzales;

LDAF Auditor: Jeff Fabre;

Weights and Measures Assistant Director: Allison Dumas;

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Administrative Coordinator IV: Cindy Abbott.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

IV. ADOPTION OF MAY 29, 2025 MINUTES

A motion was made by Stephen Logan to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2025 meeting. Ronald Petree seconded the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

V. GRAIN & COTTON INDEMNITY FUND AND SELF INSURANCE FUND

Director Gene Cavalier stated that as of June 26, 2025, the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund (GCIF) balance is \$8, 204, 253.29 and the Self Insurance Fund (SIF) balance is \$796, 843.33.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Todd Breaux briefly discussed his position as Warehouse Program Manager, conducting physical audits on all licensed warehouses throughout the state. This consists of measuring and calculating tank volume and inventory, registering moisture meters, checking records and scale tickets, and making sure all facilities have current stock insurance.

Mr. Breaux reported in the 2024-2025 licensing year, there were 49 licensed warehouse locations, with a combined capacity of over 48 million bushels. Seventy moisture meters were registered in the southern warehouse locations, as well.

As of May 2025, monthly stock of fall rough rice was 4.7 million hundredweights and 1.25 million bushels of corn. Overall, producers are concerned about the capacity of warehouses in southwestern Louisiana. A lot of rice has not been sold and therefore has not moved, making producers nervous about where they are going to store their crop this season.

**A. CONSIDERATION OF NEW LICENSE APPLICATION RENEWALS
FOR APPROVAL:**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16, R.S. 42:17(10), and R.S. 3: 3421, the commission members voted to enter Executive Session to discuss financial status and any possible issues with the applicants.

The motion to enter Executive Session was made by Ronald Petree; Tom Russell seconded the motion. All members in favor. The motion carried.

Ross Girtman
Robert Hanks
Garret Hebert
Stephen Logan
Ronald Petree
Tom Russell

Larry Sayes
Kevin Webb

Eight members of the LACC were present and voted to enter Executive Session. The meeting went into Executive Session at 9:43 AM.

The meeting recording was turned back on at 10:34 AM. Cindy Abbott called roll and the same eight members of the LACC listed above were present. Stephen Logan made a motion to resume the regular meeting, Ronald Petree seconded the motion. All members in favor and the LACC meeting resumed.

a. NEW GRAIN DEALER LICENSE APPLICANT

1. THE REDWOOD GROUP, LLC

A motion was made by Stephen Logan to approve the new Grain Dealer license request. The motion was seconded by Tom Russell. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION RENEWALS
FOR APPROVAL**

a. COTTON MERCHANT

1. BROADWAY COTTON COMPANY
2. DALE HITT COTTON COMPANY, LLC
3. FARMERS COTTON OF LOUISIANA, LLC
4. JABBOUR COTTON COMPANY
5. P. J .S. INCORPORATED
6. RYAN ELLINGTON COTTON, LLC
7. THE SEAM. LLC

A motion was made by Stephen Logan to approve the Cotton Merchant license requests, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Ronald Petree. All members in favor. Motion carried.

b. GRAIN DEALER & COTTON MERCHANT

1. CARGILL, INC

A motion was made by Ronald Petree to approve the Grain Dealer and Cotton Merchant license request. The motion was seconded by Tom Russell. All members in favor. Motion carried.

c. GRAIN DEALER

1. ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY DBA ADM GRAIN CO
2. BERTRAND RICE MARKETING, LLC
3. BU GROWERS, LTD
4. CONSOLIDATED GRAIN & BARGE COMPANY
5. CSC GOLD, INC

A motion was made by Ronald Petree to approve the Grain Dealer license renewal requests, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Tom Russell. All members in favor. Motion carried.

6. FARMERS RICE MILLING COMPANY
7. GATLIN GROUP, INC. DBA GATLIN FEED
8. GRAIN MARKETING SERVICES, LLC
9. GREENFIELD COMMODITIES, LLC
10. HANSEN-MUELLER COMPANY

A motion was made by Ronald Petree to approve the Grain Dealer license requests, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Tom Russell. All members in favor. Motion carried.

11. LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU MARKETING ASSOCIATION
12. MILLER-BOWIE SUPPLY
13. PITRE RICE, LLC
14. POINTE COUPEE FARMERS ELEVATOR, INC.
15. RAGAN & MASSEY, INC

A motion was made by Ronald Petree to approve the Grain Dealer license requests, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Larry Sayes. All members in favor. Motion carried.

16. ROSE MENOU DBA MS. ROSE CSMW GRAIN BROKER, LLC
17. SUNRISE FOODS INTERNATIONAL, INC
18. TYSON SHARED SERVICES, INC.

A motion was made by Ronald Petree to approve the Grain Dealer license requests, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Ross Gertman. All members in favor. Motion carried.

d. WAREHOUSE

1. F. R. RICE DRIER, LLC
2. HARDY RICE DRYER, LLC
3. JONES PRODUCERS GIN, INC.
4. SWEET LAKE LAND & OIL COMPANY, LLC

A motion was made by Tom Russell to approve the Warehouse license request, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Larry Sayes. All members in favor. Motion carried.

e. WAREHOUSE & GRAIN DEALER

1. KENEDY RICE DRYERS, LLC
2. LAKE ARTHUR DRIER, LLC
3. THIRD CROP, LLC DBA FALCON RICE MILL

A motion was made by Tom Russell to approve the Warehouse license request, naming the license applicants above individually. The motion was seconded by Larry Sayes. All members in favor. Motion carried.

4. FENTON RICE CO-OP

A motion was made by Tom Russell to approve the Warehouse and Grain Dealer license request. The motion was seconded by Stephen Logan. All members in favor. Motion carried
*Kevin Webb abstained from voting on (e.4) FENTON RICE CO-OP, conflict of interest.

5. SOUTH LOUISIANA RAIL FACILITY, LLC

A motion was made by Tom Russell to approve the Warehouse and Grain Dealer license request. The motion was seconded by Stephen Logan. All members in favor. Motion carried
*Ronald Petree and Garret Hebert abstained from voting on (e.5) SOUTH LOUISIANA RAIL FACILITY, LLC, conflict of interest.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

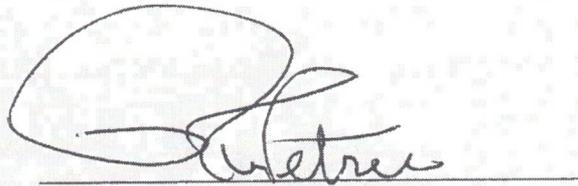
IX. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 2:00PM.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom Russell to adjourn the meeting, and Kevin Webb seconded the motion. All members in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.



LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN

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