

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
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LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION  
 MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2022, 9:30 A.M.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Robert Hanks, called the hearing to order at 9:39 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUOROM**

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman  
 Mr. Donald Schexnayder  
 Mr. Ronald Petree  
 Mr. Donald Berken  
 Mr. Ryan Ellington  
 Mr. Kevin Webb  
 Mr. Ross Girtman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain  
 Mr. Tom Russell  
 Mr. Stephen Logan

There was a quorum of Seven (7) members present.

LDAF Staff Present

Agro Consumer Services Assistant Commissioner: Dr. Bobby Fletcher; Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission Director: Ms. Kyra Holden; Weights and Measures Assistant Director: Gene Cavalier; LDAF Auditor: Jeff Fabre; Administrative Assistant V: Kasey Patton.

**III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2021, MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder to approve the minutes for the **October 14, 2021**, meeting. Mr. Donald Berken **seconded** the motion. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given at this time

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Kyra Holden stated that the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund (GCIF) balance is \$5,839,918.04 and the Self Insurance Fund (SIF) balance is \$674,003.33.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and **seconded** by Ronald Petree to go into executive session to review the financial information regarding the applicants for a grain dealer, cotton merchant and warehouse license. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**A. COTTON MERCHANT AND GRAIN DEALER**

1. Cargill, Incorporated
2. Grain Marketing Services, LLC
3. Louis Dreyfus Commodities, LLC

**Motion** was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Ross Girtman to approve the above Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer license applications. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**B. COTTON MERCHANT**

1. Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperatice, Inc.
2. COFCO Americas Resources Corp.
3. PJS, Inc.
4. The Seam, LLC

**Motion** was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to approve the above Cotton Merchant license applications. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**C. GRAIN DEALER**

1. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
2. Bertrand Rice, LLC
3. BU Growers, LTD
4. Bunge North America, Inc
5. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
6. Consolidated Grain and Barge, Co.
7. Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc
8. Great Lakes Grain & Transportation, LLC
9. Gulf Rice Milling, Inc.
10. Hansen-Muller co.
11. Harvest Rice, Inc.
12. Hensgens Grain & Elevator, Inc.
13. Indigo Marketplace, LLC
14. Louisiana Farm Bureau Marketing Association, Inc.
15. Midwest Poultry Services, LP

16. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
17. Purina Animal Nutrition
18. Riviana Foods, Inc.
19. The Andersons, Inc
20. The Scoular Company
21. Tyson Farms, Inc.
22. Viserison Grain, LLC

**Motion** was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Ronald Petree to approve the above Grain Dealer license applications. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### D. WAREHOUSES

1. Crowley Rice Drier Co-Op, Inc.
2. Mamou Rice Drier & Warehouse, Inc.
3. Producers Rice Drier, Inc.
4. Vermillion Farmers' Cooperative Association, Inc.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and seconded by Mr. Ronald Petree to approve the above Warehouse license applications. Member Mr. Donald Berken recused himself from voting on #4 Vermillion Farmers' Cooperative Association, Inc. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### E. WAREHOUSE & GRAIN DEALERS

1. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
2. Fenton Rice Co-Op
3. Holly Ridge Rice & Grain Terminal
4. Simplot AB Retail Sub, Inc.
5. Supreme Rice, LLC
6. Third Crop, LLC
7. Thornwell Warehouse Association

**Motion** was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve the above Warehouse & Grain Dealer license applications. Member Mr. Donald Berken recused himself from voting on #2 Fenton Rice Co OP and #7 Thornwell Warehouse. Association Member Mr. Kevin Webb recused himself from voting on # 2 Fenton Rice Co-Op. Member Mr. Robert Hanks recused himself from voting on #5 Supreme Rice, LLC. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Bobby Fletcher spoke about the hiring of a new employee in the next few weeks to the Administrative Coordinator 3 position. It will be a shared responsibility between Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission and Weights and Measures. Mr. Gene Cavalier was introduced as the Assistant Director who will be assisting Ms. Kyra Holden, Director of the Grain Division. There is currently one (1) Weights and Measures inspector who is being cross trained to sample and grade.

Dr. Bobby Fletcher said there are no changes or updates at this moment for legislation.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**


No public comments were given at this time.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was announced that the next meeting date is scheduled for June 27, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and **seconded** by Donald Berken to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor. **Motion carried.**



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Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman