

# Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission  
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium  
5825 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
June 26, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

## II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

### Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks  
Mr. Ronald Petree  
Mr. Ryan Ellington  
Mr. Tomas Russell  
Mr. Kevin Webb  
Mr. Donald Schexnayder  
Mr. Stephen Logan

### Absent Members

Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain  
Mr. Elliott Ater  
Mr. Donald Berken

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

### Staff Members Present

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission Director, Kyra Fitzgerald  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, John Hobgood  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Billy Benton  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Crystal Bobb  
Administrative Coordinator IV, Bridgette Ott  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Deputy  
Assistant Commissioner, Michelle Ribera  
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Assistant Commissioner, Steve Sessums

## III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 29, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the minutes with the corrections. The motion carried.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

## V. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to go into

Executive Session in order to review the financial information regarding all applicants.  
The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephen Logan and seconded by Mr. Ronald Petree on to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. NEW APPLICATIONS:**

### **A. GRAIN DEALER**

1. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc
2. Consolidated Grain & Barge, Inc.
3. Pipeline Foods, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and seconded by Mr. Donald Schexnayder to approve the following grain dealer license applications: #1, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc, #2 Consolidated Grain & Barge, Inc.. The motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Donald Schexayder and second by Mr. Tom Russell to approve #3 Pipeline Foods, LLC with a 30 day deadline in which to complete their application. The motion carried.

## **VII. RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:**

### **A. COTTON MERCHANT**

1. Broadway Cotton Company, Inc.
2. COFCO Americas Resources Corporation
3. Dale Hitt Cotton Co., LLC
4. Jabbour Cotton Company, LLC
5. P.J.S. Incorporated
6. Ryan Ellington Cotton, LLC
7. Staple Cotton Cooperative Association

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree seconded by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve the following cotton merchant applications: #1 Broadway Cotton Company, Inc., #2 COFCO Americas Resources Corporation, #3 Dale Hitt Cotton Co., LLC, #4 Jabbour Cotton Company, LLC, #5 P.J.S. Incorporated, #6 Ryan Ellington Cotton, LLC , #7 Staple Cotton Cooperative Association with Mr. Ryan Ellington abstaining from voting on #6 Ryan Ellington Cotton, LLC . The motion carried.

### **B. COTTON MERCHANT AND GRAIN DEALER**

1. Indigo Ag, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell and second by Mr. Donald Schexnayder to approve cotton merchant and grain dealer license #1 Indigo Ag, Inc.. The motion carried.

### **C. COTTON MERCHANT, GRAIN DEALER AND WAREHOUSE**

1. Lakeland Grain & Cotton Company, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and second by Mr. Tom Russell to approve cotton merchant and grain dealer and warehouse license #1 Lakeland Grain & Cotton Company, Inc.. with Mr. Ryan Ellington abstaining from voting on Lakeland Grain & Cotton Company, Inc. The motion carried.

**D. GRAIN DEALER**

1. Aaron Duhon Bins, Inc. her-Daniel-Midland Company
2. Archer-Daniel –Midland Company
3. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
4. Bertrand Rice, LLC
5. BU Growers, LTD
6. Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc.
7. Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc.
8. Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc.
9. Gatlin Group, Inc.
10. Gavilon Grain, LLC
11. Grain Marketing Services, LLC
12. Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Co
13. Lansing Louisiana, LLC
14. Lansing Trade Group, LLC
15. Pointe Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc.
16. Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC
17. Riviana Foods, Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse
18. Soileau Rice Brokers

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Russell seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve the following grain dealer licens applications: #1 Aaron Duhon Bins, Inc.,#2 Archer-Daniel –Midland Company , #3 Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc., #4 Bertrand Rice, LLC , #5 BU Growers, LTD, #6 Bunkie Elevator & Gin Company, Inc., #7 Farmers Grain Terminal, Inc.#8 Farmers Rice Milling Co., Inc. , #9 Gatlin Group, Inc., #10 Gavilon Grain, LLC, #11 Grain Marketing Services LLC ,#12 Harrington Rice & Soybean Buyer Co, #13 Lansing Louisiana, LLC, #14 Lansing Trade Group, LLC, #15 Pointe Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc., #16 Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC, #17 Riviana Foods, Inc. d/b/a Acadia Warehouse, #18 Soileau Rice Brokers. The motion carried.

**E. GRAIN DEALER AND WAREHOUSE**

1. Angelina Grain Company, LLC
2. Crowley Grain Drier, Inc.
3. Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc.
4. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC.
5. Mowata Rice Drier, Inc.
6. Pinnacle Agriculture Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Sanders
7. Planters Rice Mill, LLC
8. Supreme Rice, LLC
9. Sweetlake Land & Oil Company

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve the following grain dealer and warehouse license applications: #1 Angelina Grain Company, LLC, # 2 Crowley Grain Drier, Inc., #3. Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc. #4 Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC., #5 Mowata Rice Drier, Inc.,#6 Pinnacle Agriculture Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Sanders, #7 Planters Rice Mill, LLC , #8 Supreme Rice, LLC., #9 Sweetlake Land & Oil Company, with Mr. Robert Hanks abstaining from voting on #8 Supreme Rice, LLC. The motion carried.

**F. WAREHOUSE**

1. Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and second by Mr. Stephen Logan to approve warehouse license, #1 Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC. The motion carried.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Regulation revisions**

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that House Bill 92 which includes the following revisions to R.S. 3:3403(C), (H) and (J): R.S. 3:3403(C) would then state "The tenth member shall be the commissioner of agriculture and forestry or designee, who shall serve ex officio, but with all of the powers, rights, duties, and privileges as appointed members, including the right to vote on all matters before the commission." Revisions to R.S. 3:3403(H) would state "Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions of the commission shall require ~~the~~ affirmative a majority vote of five members of the commission. The final revision was to R.S. 3:3403(J) "The commission shall meet ~~four~~ three times per calendar year, but may meet more frequently upon the call of the chairman" had passed out of the House Agriculture Committee with the next stop being the Senate. She stated that there shouldn't be any problems and that the bill will go into effect on 08/01/2019.

**B.** A motion was made by Mr. Donald Schexnayder and second by Tom Russell to accept the language of regulation revision to match the law.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Unlicensed Grain Dealers

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that due to a discovery that there were some unlicensed grain dealers within the state, the Department is starting a campaign, getting the word out that farmers should only sell to licensed grain dealers and that those farmers that sell to unlicensed grain dealers are not protected under the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

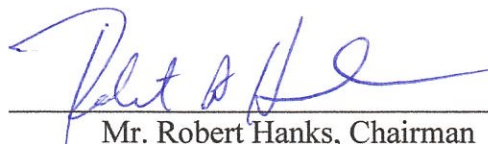
Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there was any public comment. There was none

**XI. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be announced.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Tom Russell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

  
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Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman