

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

February 27, 2012

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. Donald Berken

Mr. Keith Hensgens

Mr. Kenny Self

Mr. Filmore Bordelon

Mr. Ryan Ellington

There was a quorum of six (6) members present.

Absent Members

Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher

Mr. Lee Carter

Mr. Kevin Adams

Commissioner Strain

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Benjy Rayburn

Interim Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission,

Kyra Holden

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, John Smith

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre

Administrative Assistant IV, Bridgette Ott

III. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

IV. Adoption of Minutes – November 9, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Consideration of License Application for Approval:
(Initial Application)**

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Gavilon Grain, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to approve the license application. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business

1. Update on Central Louisiana Grain Bankruptcy

Ms. Holden stated that there are several issues still pending with the Central Louisiana Grain Bankruptcy. However, Ms. Holden stated that there is a possible resolution to one of the pending adversary hearings. Ms. Holden stated that there has been an agreement with the bankruptcy trustee to settle the adversarial issue regarding the reimbursement of assessment fees for 60% of the amount owed. This would put the Department paying \$6,078.65 instead of the original amount of \$10,131.09.

2. Update on Douglas Appeal

Douglas is taking an appeal to the 1st Circuit Court, date is not set yet.

3. Update on GCIF

Ms. Holden reported that the balance of the GCIF is \$795,000 which includes legal fees. She stated that there are no claims at this time.

VII. New Business

1. Applications for licensing period 2012-2013 were mailed on February 27, 2012.
2. Moisture Meters: The Federal Grain & Inspection Service (FGIS) has mandated that all Federally Designated Agencies comply with the requirements to purchase new upgraded NTEP approved moisture meters at an approximate cost of \$6,700.00 each by August 2012.

3. **New Legislation:** The Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission (LACC) has submitted revisions to the Agricultural Commodity Dealer and Warehouse Law for the upcoming 2012 Legislative Session. These revisions are for clean up and clarification purposes. The LACC is amending R.S. 3:3411.1 to include the \$200.00 cotton merchant application fee as well as requiring all warehouses and cotton merchants to post copies of their license at all facilities under the license.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Date for the Next Meetings

May 30, 2012

June 22, 2012

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Kenny Self to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman