

Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

February 6, 2018

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Commission Members Present

Mr. Robert Hanks
Mr. Donald Berken
Mr. Ronald Petree
Mr. Ryan Ellington
Mr. Tom Russell
Mr. Kevin Webb

Absent Members

Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain
Mr. Stephen Logan
Mr. Elliott Ater
Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher

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

Staff Members Present

Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Agro Consumer Services, Steve Sessums
Director, Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission, Kyra Fitzgerald
Assistant Director, Louisiana Department of Weights and Measures, Paul Floyd
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Jeff Fabre
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Auditor, Crystal Bobb
Administrative Coordinator IV, Nicole Robino

III. Adoption of Minutes – September 27, 2017

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

IV. Public Comment:

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

VI. Consideration of License Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Berken and seconded by Mr. Tom Russell to go into Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

A. Grain Dealer

1. Lansing Trade Group, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Ronald Petree and seconded by Mr. Tom Russell to approve the Grain Dealer license application for Lansing Trade Group, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Old Business

1. Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund and Self-Insurance Fund Balances

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the balance of the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund is \$4,776,263 and the Self-Insurance Fund is \$883,047. Mr. Robert Hanks asked if there were any pending claims. Mrs. Fitzgerald stated there were no pending claims. The Self-Insurance Fund will rise greatly during licensing applications. Mr. Berken asked about the status on legislation and the sweeping of funds. Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the Commissioner was in Washington last week and that the legislative session would begin next month and that the Commissioner would do what he could to avoid any sweeping of funds but at this time there was no way to create legislation to avoid the sweeping of funds if the Legislature decided to do so.

VIII. New Business

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the annual licensing applications will be mailed the first week of March.

IX. Public Comment

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

X. Date for Next Meeting

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that the next two meetings of the LACC will be at the end of May and June but will have to check the calendar and the dates of the Farm Bureau Convention in order to schedule.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Donald Berken to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Robert Hanks, Chairman