



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
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MINUTES

**LOUISIANA EQUINE PROMOTION AND
RESEARCH BOARD MEETING
MAY 04, 2022**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD, 1ST FLOOR
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in-person and was called to order by Dr. Neely Heidorn at 10:13a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Neely Heidorn led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Dr. Neely Heidorn.

Members present:

Dr. Neely Heidorn, Jim Gauthier, Sky Wright, Marc Browning, Dr. Bill Davis, John Boudreaux, Dr. Ron Harrell, Whitney Boyce, Anita Hefler, Lyle Guillory, Roger Heitzmann

Members absent:

Lt. Governor Bill Nungesser, Raegan Comeaux, Bernard Chatters, Edwin Fenasci, Dr. Frank Andrews

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Marc Browning to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Dr. Bill Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed Dr. Bill Davis, John Boudreaux, Marc Browning and herself working with the help of Senator Hensgens and getting an Amendment added to HSB344 for 2.5% of the taxes collected to go to the Equine Board.

Marc Browning discussed the bills the board can tag on to but probably won't be until the next session. Discussed the license plate bill put in by Senator Cloud and how it got through the 1st Committee and moved on to the 2nd Committee.

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Dr. Ron Harrell discussed how the board can create their own design for the license plate.

John Boudreaux discussed the Judiciary Committee hearing and how the presentation was made to the committee and how Senator Hensgens discussed the bill.

Commissioner Mike Strain talked to the committee and Senator Cameron Henry made a motion to move the bill forward to Revenue & Fiscal Affairs. The bill will need to have dual review by the Senate & House.

Kevin Wofford discussed how Commissioner Mike Strain plans on being at the upcoming Committee meeting and any future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the proposed budget for funding and asked the board if they would consider changing the budget.

Commissioner Mike Strain discussed the financing and how it should be used on repairing and maintaining the Equine Facilities. He asked the board to send any projects they may be working on so that he can get them out to the media & airwaves.

Kevin Wofford discussed when creating a budget to outline specific items, such as research and to include specifics on what the money will be used for.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 02, 2022 – 10:00AM

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Marc Browning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Heitzmann. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.