



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
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LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK BRAND COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2021

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Julian Whittington at 10:06 am.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sheriff Julian Whittington led the pledge of allegiance.

Animal Health
& Food Safety
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ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Kevin Wofford.

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Members present:

Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, Victor Blanchard, James LeLeux, Sheriff Julian Whittington, John Thompson, Honorable Brian Frazier, Charles Garrett, Sheriff Ivy Woods, Nickey Smith

Management
& Finance
Suite 1000
(225) 922-1255
Fax: 925-6012

Members absent:

Brent Robbins, DVM, Calvin LeBouef, Henry Capdeboscq, Sheriff Sam Craft, Sheriff Brian Spillman, Gertrude Hawkins, Honorable John Belton

Soil & Water
Conservation
Suite 7000
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Julian Whittington made a motion to add to the agenda a consideration for a new rule for the new Lifetime Brand and the fee for the brand under new legislation; motion was seconded by John Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by John Thompson to approve the minutes; motion seconded by James LeLeux. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Scott Perry discussed the Brand Enforcement division and introduced the new Brand Enforcement Officer Dillon LaCour.



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Scott Perry discussed there currently being 5160 brands registered, 214 complaints be investigated by the Brand Officers resulting in 10 arrests and the recovery of approximately \$128,000 in cattle or farm equipment.

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OLD BUSINESS

Scott Perry introduced the Brand Enforcement Officers and discussed what area of the state each one covers.

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Scott Perry discussed the inspectors' moving cattle and working the various pet shelters during Hurricane Ida.

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Kevin Wofford introduced himself as the new Animal Health and Food Safety Assistant Commissioner, discussed LDAF's assistance during Hurricane Ida providing supplies, hay, water, pumps and troughs to assist animals and animal shelters, and adding another Brand Enforcement Officer to help cover the state.

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NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Wofford discussed the new Lifetime Brand and Representative Francis Thompson handling the Legislation.

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Amy McInnis discussed Act 234 of the regular session establishing by law a lifetime recordation for brands and the fees for the brands and setting the Lifetime Brand fee at \$75.00.

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Charles Garrett made a motion to set the Lifetime Brand fee at \$75.00; motion seconded by James LeLeux. Motion passed unanimously.

Amy McInnis discussed adopting guidelines and requirements for brands and marks. Motion made by Charles Garrett to adopt the rules as they are; motion seconded by Vic Blanchard. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Wofford discussed Representative Francis Thompson getting the first Lifetime Brand.

Kevin Wofford reminded the board members to complete their Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by John Thompson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Honorable Brian Frazier. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

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