



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
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COMMISSIONER



LOUISIANA EQUINE PROMOTION AND  
RESEARCH BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 05, 2022

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

Agricultural &  
Environmental  
Sciences  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held in-person and was called to order by Dr. Neely Heidorn at 10:09 a.m.

Agro-Consumer  
Services  
Suite 5000  
(225) 922-1341  
Fax: 923-4877

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Neely Heidorn led the pledge of allegiance.

Animal Health  
& Food Safety  
Suite 4000  
(225) 925-3962  
Fax: 925-4103

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Dr. Neely Heidorn.

**Members present:**

Dr. Neely Heidorn, William Bloom, Jim Gauthier, Sky Wright, Marc Browning, Whitney Boyce, Dr. Bill Davis, Anita Hefler, Bernard Chatters, Edwin Fenasci, John Boudreaux, Lyle Guillory and Dr. Ron Harrell.

Forestry  
Suite 6000  
(225) 925-4500  
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**Members absent:**

Dr. Frank Andrews, Roger Heitzmann and Raegan Comeaux.

Management  
& Finance  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Soil & Water  
Conservation  
Suite 7000  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Lyle Guillory to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Edwin Fenasci. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the grant applications received and noted that the Acadian Cutting Horse Association, Bogalusa Team Sorting and Southern Reined Cow Horse Alliance each had someone representing them at the meeting.

Dr. Neely Heidorn introduced Mr. William Bloom as the new Ex Officio for Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser.

Mr. Larry Richard with the Acadian Cutting Horse Association discussed his application for the grant money and requested \$24,000 in funds.



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Mrs. Candy Crain and Mr. Troy Crain with the Bogalusa Team Sorting discussed their application for the grant money and requested \$20,000 for Proposal #1 or \$30,000 for Proposal #2 in their application for an event being held in March 2023.

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Mr. Lee Alford and Mr. Mark Marionneaux with the Southern Reined Cow Horse Alliance discussed their application for the grant money and requested \$65,000 in funds.

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Motion made by Sky Wright to recommend to the Commissioner a grant award amount of \$24,000 to the Acadian Cutting Horse Association; motion was seconded by Lyle Guillory. Motion passed unanimously.

**Animal Health & Food Safety**  
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Motion made by Sky Wright to recommend to the Commissioner a grant award amount of \$30,000 to the Bogalusa Team Sorting; motion was seconded by Lyle Guillory. Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion was made by John Boudreaux to recommend to the Commissioner a grant award amount of \$65,000 to the Southern Reined Cow Alliance; motion was seconded by Jim Gauthier. Motion passed unanimously.

**Management & Finance**  
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Motion was made by Jim Gauthier to table until the next meeting, grant applications for Bright Star Ranch, Deep South Paso Fino Horse Association, Cajun Rodeo Association and Hickory Creek Ranch to obtain more information; motion was seconded by Marc Browning. Motion passed unanimously.

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Amy McInnis discussed drafting a resolution for signature to commemorate the recommendation of the board to the commissioner for the three awards voted on and passed.

Amy McInnis discussed creating an award document for the Commissioner to sign for each of the recipients and an agreement for each of the recipients to review and sign laying out all their obligations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the update on the license plate and the need for \$3500 to be set aside for the deposit on the plate to be developed with the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the LSU Ag Center offering to help design the plate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amy McInnis reminded the board to have their Sexual Harassment training completed by the deadline of October 31, 2022.





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Kevin Wofford discussed adding to the application that the applicant be present at the board meeting to present their application.

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Dr. Neely Heidorn also discussed adding to the application a section with the amount requested by the applicant.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
 Friday November 04, 2022 – 10:00AM

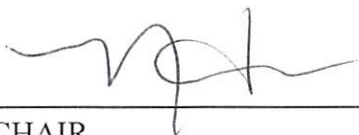
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
 A motion was made by Sky Wright to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marc Browning. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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