



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
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MINUTES

LOUISIANA EQUINE PROMOTION AND
RESEARCH BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in-person and was called to order by Dr. Neely Heidorn at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Neely Heidorn led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Dr. Neely Heidorn and a quorum was called.

Members present:

Dr. Neely Heidorn, William Bloom, Jim Gauthier, Sky Wright, Marc Browning, Whitney Boyce, Dr. Bill Davis, Bernard Chatters, Edwin Fenasci, John Boudreaux, and Roger Heitzmann.

Members absent:

Dr. Frank Andrews, Raegan Comeaux, Dr. Ron Harrell, Lyle Guillory and Anita Hefler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Sky Wright to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Dr. Bill Davis. Roger Heitzmann abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Roger Heitzmann to nominate the current officers, Dr. Neely Heidorn as Chairman, Dr. Bill Davis as Vice-Chairman and Marc Browning as Secretary/Treasurer to remain in these positions. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the update on the design of the license plate.



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Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the grant application and asked for recommendations to make changes to the application.

Jim Gauthier made the recommendation to have the application made available only to corporate applicants and not personal applicants.

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Kevin Wofford discussed putting the requirements to apply for the grant application onto the LDAF website.

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Amy McInnis discussed the application guidelines, and any changes can be incorporated into the guidelines.

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Kevin Wofford discussed the applications being public record and all information in the grant applications will be available to the public.

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Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed awarding grant money once all applications that have made it in before the deadline, have been reviewed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed working with LDAF's information officer on designing the logo.

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Motion was made by Edwin Fenasci to adopt the colored logo for the Equine Board; motion was seconded by Roger Heitzmann. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed getting the data from the grant recipients ready for the next Legislative Session.

Kevin Wofford discussed having changes made to the law that would allow the three Ex-Officios to be voting members.

Kevin Wofford discussed his retirement on February 10, 2023, and that Michelle Ribera would be taking over his position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dillon LaCour discussed the Saddle MicroChipping program being done by the Livestock Brand Commission and the next one being done in Abbeville, LA on February 23, 2023.

Amy McInnis discussed having all application guidelines memorialized into rules and regulations for the board.



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DATE OF NEXT MEETING
 Monday, March 20, 2023 – 10:00AM

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Marc Browning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bill Davis. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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