



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of
AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

MIKE STRAIN, DVM *Commissioner*

MINUTES

**LOUISIANA EQUINE PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD
GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

**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 10:08 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, Jim Gauthier, Marc Browning and Dr. Bill Davis.

Members absent:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Dr. Bill Davis to approve the minutes from the committee's December 09, 2024 meeting; motion was seconded by Jim Gauthier. This motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

The committee reviewed all the grant applications received for 2025. These included:

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- A. ACADIAN CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION
- B. ALLEN PARISH FAIR
- C. ALLEN PARISH HIGH SCHOOL RODEO CLUB
- D. CITY OF WEST MONROE-IKE HAMILTON EXPO CENTER
- E. GIRLS SCOUT LOUISIANA EAST
- F. HAUGHTON RIDING CLUB
- G. JUST BELIEVE TRAINING
- H. LACEY'S LEGACY WESTERN RIDING & HORSEMANSHIP INC
- I. LIVINGSTON HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION
- J. LOUISIANA EQUINE COUNCIL
- K. LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION
- L. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
- M. NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION
- N. REINS OF HOPE AT LEBOCAGE
- O. TANGIPAHOA PRO RODEO & MUSIC FEST
- P. TXC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
- Q. UR HERD INC
- R. BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY
- S. BELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL RODEO BOOSTERS, INC
- T. CAJUN RODEO ASSOCIATION
- U. DEEP SOUTH STOCK HORSE ASSOCIATION
- V. FELICIANA YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC
- W. JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY
- X. LIVINGSTON PARISH FAIR ASSOCIATION
- Y. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER
- Z. NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
- AA. ACADIANA JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RODEO CLUB
- BB. POINT COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT
- CC. SOUTHERN REINED COW HORSE ALLIANCE
- DD. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOUNDATION
- EE. SULPHUR RODEO CLUB
- FF. BUSINESS & WORKFORCE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS INC
- GG. POINT COUPEE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Lauren Vance with the Girls Scouts Louisiana East addressed the board with details of the grant application.

Kelly Hughes with Deep South Stock Horse Show Association addressed the board with details of the grant application.

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After consideration of all the grant applications, the committee will make the following recommendations to the Equine Board at its next meeting:

- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Acadian Cutting Horse Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Allen Parish Fair.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Allen Parish High School Rodeo Club.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$21,000.00 to City of West Monroe-Ike Hamilton Expo Center.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Girl Scouts Louisiana East.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Houghton Riding Club.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Just Believe Training.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000 to Livingston Horse Show Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Louisiana High School Rodeo Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Louisiana Quarter Horse Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$35,500.00 to National Cutting Horse Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Reins of Hope at LeBocage.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to TXC Memorial Scholarship Foundation.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Deep South Stock Horse Show Association.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$35,000.00 to Beauregard Parish Police Jury.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$70,000.00 to Cajun Rodeo Association, Inc.3
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Feliciana Youth Rodeo Association Inc.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Livingston Parish Fair Association.

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- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Acadiana Junior High & High School Rodeo Club.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$19,000.00 to Pointe Coupee Parish Government.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$80,000.00 to Southern Reined Cow Horse Alliance.
- The committee recommends an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Southern University System Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Pending

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 12:17 p.m.

Chair