



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
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MINUTES

LOUISIANA EQUINE PROMOTION AND
 RESEARCH BOARD MEETING
 JUNE 05, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in-person and was called to order by Dr. Neely Heidorn at 10:00 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, Sky Wright, Marc Browning, Whitney Boyce, Dr. Bill Davis, Bernard Chatters, Edwin Fenasci, John Boudreaux, Dr. Frank Andrews, Raegan Comeaux, Dr. Ron Harrell, Lyle Guillory.

Members absent:

William Bloom, Anita Hefler and Roger Heitzmann.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the update on the design of the Equine license plate and Jill Courtney will design the plate.

Motion was made by Dr. Bill Davis for the Chairman to make the final DOT approval for the Equine license plate; motion was seconded by Edwin Fenasci. Motion passed unanimously.



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Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the grant application form and the update on the changes needed.

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed setting dates for closing acceptance of grant applications for this fiscal year.

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Motion was made by Dr. Bill Davis to set dates of June 15th – September 15th to accept grant applications for this fiscal year; motion was seconded by Bernard Chatters. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed creating a Subcommittee to review grant applications to present to the board.

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Motion was made by Dr. Bill Davis to create the Equine Board Subcommittee; motion was seconded by Marc Browning. Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion was made by Jim Gauthier to create the Subcommittee with members Dr. Neely Heidorn, Bernard Chatters, Jim Gauthier, Dr. Frank Andrews, and Marc Browning; motion was seconded by Marc Browning. Motion passed unanimously.

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Assistant Commissioner Michelle Ribera introduced herself to the board to let them know she was replacing Kevin Wofford who has retired.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the funding update.

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John Boudreaux discussed speaking with Senator Hensgens about funding for the Equine Board.

Dr. Ron Harrell discussed sports betting bringing in more money than expected for the state.

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed contacting local representatives to help gain funding.

Dr. Neely Heidorn discussed the Economic Impact of Awards that were granted.

Dr. Bill Davis discussed events that would bring in outside state money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted.



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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2023 – 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 Raegan Comeaux. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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