LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of
AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

MIKE STRAIN, DVM *Commissioner*

NOVEMBER 6,2025, 10:00 A.M.
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD, 1ST FLOOR
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

CALL TO ORDER

The Louisiana Livestock Brand Commission board meeting was held in-person and was called to order by John Thompson at 10:04 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Amy McInnis administered the oath of office to new board members Massey Shelton and Gary Hinton

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Roll call was conducted by Cheryl Gardner.

Members present: Commissioner Mike Strain, Vic Blanchard, David Richard, Jarett Daigle, Sheriff Julian Whittington, Sheriff Brian Spillman, John Thompson, Nickey Smith, Gertrude Hawkins, Honorable Brian Frazier, Massey Shelton, Gary Hinton, and Sheriff Jason Smith.

Members absent: Dr. Brent Robbins, Reginald Lucas, Henry Capdeboscq, Honorable John Belton and Sheriff Sam Craft.

A quorum was present.

Commissioner Mike Strain discussed the invasion of the New Worl Screwworm that is affecting cattle.

Commissioner Mike Strain discussed the protocols for meat inspections.

Commissioner Mike Strain discussed the potential spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in alternative livestock.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comments were made at this time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
No election of officers was made at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION: Nickey Smith moved to approve the minutes from the November 07, 2024, meeting. Sheriff Brian Spillman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS
Department Updates
Scott Perry, Brand Enforcement Director introduced the new brand enforcement officer Scott Burlingame for the northwest area of the state.

Scott Perry introduced the brand enforcement officers, Dillon LaCour, Wade Bridges and J.D. Fail. Scott Perry discussed the total number of cases that were investigated, total dollar amounts of recovered livestock or farm related equipment and number of arrests made for farm related crimes.

Scott Perry discussed the public speaking events across the state, number of alternative livestock inspections, number of livestock inspected at public markets, total brand registered and number of saddles microchipped across the state.

Dillon LaCour discussed cases involving fraudulent sale of cattle online and through the mail.

NEW BUSINESS
Attorney Amy McInnis reminded the board members to complete their mandatory Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comments were made at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The board's next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: A motion was made by Sheriff Brian Spillman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jarett Daigle. This motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman