

MINUTES  
OF THE  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

A meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) was held September 18-20, 2019, in Kansas City, MO. The public was invited to attend the open session portion of the meeting.

Meeting  
September 20,  
2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am on September 19, 2019.

Call to Order  
Open Session

The Board immediately went into executive session to discuss confidential matters with Risk Management Agency (RMA) staff and submitters of private products under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act).

Executive Session

Open session of the Board reconvened on September 20, 2019, at 10:30 am.

Reconvene Open  
Session

Maureen James read the recitation to all members of the Board to advise the Board of its responsibilities in representing the interests of the FCIC and USDA and advised each member to act accordingly.

Recitation

The Chairman requested Board members to introduce themselves. Present were Rob Johansson, Chief Economist, USDA; James Bardenhagen, Kenneth Sneed, John Finston, Iris Saenz, Michael Clemens, Rickey Bearden, and Martin Barbre, Manager, FCIC, constituting a statutory quorum, and Robin Anderson, Secretary, FCIC.

Present

Also present were Delores Dean, Tom Worth, Chandra Mason, David Zaroni, Francie Tolle, Young Kim, Richard Flournoy, and Agnes Young, RMA; Maureen James and Ralph Linden, from the Office of the General Counsel; Ashley Hungerford, Office of the Chief Economist; Mark Hight and Josh Anderson, Office of Inspector General, Margo Erny, FPAC Business Center and Jeremy Grove.

Present by phone were: Keith Schumann, AgriLogic, LLC; Mark Lehman and Ken Ackerman; Watts and Associates; and Tim Green, American Farm Bureau.

Chairman Johansson asked Administrator Martin Barbre for the Manager's Report. Mr. Barbre stated that the [Manager's Report](#) is available on line.

Hearing no objection, Dr. Johansson agreed to dispense with a reading of the Manager's Report. (Exhibit 4556)

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to approve the Minutes (Exhibits 4557) of the meetings of the Board held on August 15, 2019.

The motion carried. (Exhibit 4556 and 4557)

The Chairman brought to the floor the following dockets:

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4558;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission APH Caneberry - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4559;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Macadamia Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4560;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Pecan Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4561;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hybrid Vegetable Seed - Research and Development Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4562;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission White/Waxy Corn - Research and Development Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4563;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission High Amylose Corn - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4564;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Sugar Cane - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4565;

Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Clary Sage - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4566;

Manager's Report

Dispense with Reading Report

Approved

Triticale

Caneberry

Macadamia Tree

Pecan Tree

Hybrid Vegetable Seed

White/Waxy Corn

High Amylose Corn

Sugar Cane

Clary Sage

<p>Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Dairy Revenue Protection - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4568;  Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Margin Protection - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4569;</p> <p>Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Malting Barley Revenue - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4570; and</p> <p>Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission ARPI Popcorn - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4571.</p>	<p>Dairy Revenue Protection  Margin Protection</p> <p>Malting Barley Revenue</p> <p>ARPI Popcorn</p>
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The Chairman offered the following resolution, which was seconded:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in the dockets listed herein, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the requested or adjusted amounts for the reimbursement of research and development or maintenance costs as authorized under section 522(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act not to exceed the following amounts:

\$46,036.00 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4558; (1 member abstained)

\$69,919.00 of first year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission APH Caneberry - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4559; (1 member abstained)

\$31,747.00 of first year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Macadamia Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4560; (1 member abstained)

\$81,000.00 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Pecan Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4561; (1 member abstained)

\$167,534.00 of remaining research and development (R&D) expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hybrid Vegetable Seed - Research and Development Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4562; (1 member abstained)

\$103,753.00 of remaining research and development (R&D) expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission White/Waxy Corn - Research and Development Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4563;

\$19,442.00 of third-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission High Amylose Corn - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4564, and then an additional \$6,827.00 conditional on receipt of the subcontracted economist report by the November 2019 Board Meeting;

\$3,590.00 of third-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Sugar Cane - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4565;

\$43,339.00 of fourth-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Clary Sage - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4566;

\$325,502.00 of first-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Dairy Revenue Protection - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4568;

\$277,700.00 of fourth-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Margin Protection - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4569;

\$60,605.00 of fourth-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission Malting Barley Revenue - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4570; and

\$19,183.00 of fourth-year maintenance expenses for Docket No.CI-Section 508(h) Submission ARPI Popcorn - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4571.

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Approved

The Chairman offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0077 Modification 09-20-19 02, Exhibit 4567, which was seconded:

Confidential  
Submission 0077

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0077 Modification 09-20-19 02, Exhibit 4567, as well as other materials that were

submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Confidential Submission 0077 Modification, with revisions as discussed in Executive Session, beginning with the crop year the Manager determines is practicable with reinsurance and administrative and operating subsidy in amounts and under such terms and conditions as determined appropriate by the Manager as authorized under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board delegates to the Manager the authority to make such technical policy changes as are necessary to make the policy legally sufficient.

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4567)

Approved

The Chairman offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Louisiana Sweet Potato User Fee Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4573, which was seconded:

Louisiana Sweet Potato

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Louisiana Sweet Potato User Fee Request 09-20-19, Exhibit 4573, as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the user fee of 1.5 percent, up to an annual maximum of \$18,000, as submitted, to be applied as a percent of earned premium for the Louisiana Sweet Potato plan of insurance beginning with the 2020 reinsurance year, with reinsurance and administrative and operating subsidy in amounts and under such terms and conditions as determined appropriate by the Manager as authorized under section 522(b)(4)(D) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4573)

Approved

The Chairman offered the following resolution for the Docket for the Grass Seed Pilot Program 09-20-19 01, Exhibit No. 4572, which was seconded:

Grass Seed Pilot Program

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in the Docket for the Grass Seed Pilot Program 09-20-19 01, Exhibit No. 4572, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby authorizes the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to convert the Grass Seed Pilot Program to

