

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 on February 13, 2018, in Washington, DC. The public was invited to attend the open session portion of the meeting.

Meeting  
February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on February 13, 2018.

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 February 13, 2018, at 3:00 pm.

Reconvene Open  
Session

Kim Arrigo 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, Iris Saenz, John Finston, Margaret Goode, Ellen Linderman, Kenneth Sneed, and Heather Manzano, Acting Manager, FCIC, constituting a statutory quorum, and Robin Anderson, Secretary, FCIC.

Present

Also present were Robert Ibarra, Richard Flournoy, Tom Worth, Leiann Nelson, Tim Hoffman, Francie Tolle, Lane Web, Kale Horton, and Robert Ebel from RMA; Kim Arrigo and Maureen James from the Office of the General Counsel; Clif Parks and Keith Shuman, AgriLogic, LLC.

Present by phone were; Tara Ponds, Chandra Mason, Michael Ciliege, Galen Tuley, Kristen Gallagher, Terrence Katzer, Ron Lundine, and Matthew Mitchell; RMA; Ken Ackerman, OFW Law; John Newton, Tim Green, Allen Yeatts and Brandy Carol; Farm

Bureau and American Farm Bureau Insurance Service, Rob Coultis, CIS, Ken Harrison, Sheer Simplexity, Marin Bozic, University of Minnesota, and Nicole Gueck, AgriLogic, LLC.

Chairman Johansson asked Heather Manzano for the Manager's Report. Mrs. Manzano stated that the [Manager's Report](#) is available on line.

Manager's Report

Hearing no objection, Dr. Johansson agreed to dispense with a reading of the Manager's Report. (Exhibit 4453 )

Dispense with Reading Report

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to approve the Minutes (Exhibit 4454) of the meeting of the Board held on November 29, 2017.

Dispense with Reading Minutes

The motion carried. (Exhibit 4454)

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0069 Modification 02-13-18 01, which was seconded:

Confidential Submission 0069

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0069 Modification 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4455, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Confidential Submission 0069 Modification, 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 4455)

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 522(b) Concept Proposal 143 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4456, which was seconded:

Concept Proposal 143 Submission

WHEREAS, Section 522(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) requires the Board to enter into contracts with persons with qualifications appropriate to review the type of concept proposal submitted for reviews of a concept proposal proposed to be developed under section 508(h) of the Act, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 522(b) Concept Proposal 143 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4456, the Board approves expert review for Concept Proposal 143, and directs that the Manager of the Corporation be authorized to take such action as necessary to enter into and execute contracts with the Board approved persons or entities or the alternates in case the proposed persons are not available.

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4456) One Board member did not vote.

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Peanut Revenue User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4457, which was seconded:

Peanut Revenue  
User Fee

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Peanut Revenue User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4457, as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the user fee of .18 percent of earned premium, up to an annual maximum of \$126,000, for the Peanut Revenue plan of insurance beginning with the 2019 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, is hereby approved.

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4457) One Board member did not vote.

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0070 02 13-18 01, Exhibit 4458, which was seconded:

Confidential  
Submission 0070

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0070 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4458, as well as other materials that were submitted to the

Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Confidential Submission 0070, 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 4458) One Board member did not vote.

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0071 02 13-18-01, Exhibit 4459, which was seconded:

Confidential  
Submission 0071

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0071 02-13-18-01, Exhibit 4459, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Confidential Submission 0071, 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 4459) One Board member did not vote.

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Gross Margin User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit No. 4460, which was seconded:

Livestock Gross  
Margin User Fee

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Gross Margin User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit No. 4460, as well as other

material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the user fee of 1.67 percent per premium dollar earned or \$200 per policy earning premium, up to an annual maximum of \$75,000, for the Livestock Gross Margin plan of insurance beginning with the 2019 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 4460)

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit No. 4461, which was seconded:

Livestock Risk  
Protection User  
Fee

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection User Fee Request 02-13-18 01, Exhibit No. 4461, as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the user fee of 4.25 percent of earned premium or \$130 per unit earning premium, up to an annual maximum dollar amount of user fee of \$30,000, as submitted, for the for the LRP-Lamb product beginning with the 2019 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.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board hereby approves the user fee of .1 percent of earned premium or \$6 per policy earning premium, up to an annual maximum dollar amount of user fee of \$15,000, as submitted, for the for the LRP Fed Cattle/Feeder Cattle/Swine plans of insurance beginning with the 2019 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 4461)

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Actual Revenue History (ARH) Strawberry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4462, which was seconded:

ARH Strawberry  
Pilot

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Actual Revenue History (ARH) Strawberry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 02-13-18 01, Exhibit 4462, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board approves the continuation of the ARH Strawberry Pilot Crop Insurance Program on a pilot basis for 1 additional crop year with reinsurance, risk subsidy, and administrative and operating subsidy in amounts and under such terms and conditions as determined appropriate by the Manager as authorized under section 522(c) and 523(a)(4)(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, is hereby approved. NOW THEREFORE IT BE 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 4462)

Approved

Chairman Johansson offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0068 02-13-18 02, Exhibit 4463, which was seconded:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0068 02-13-18 02, Exhibit 4463, as well as other materials that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Confidential Submission 0068, 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 IT BE 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.

Confidential  
Submission 0068

There being no discussion, the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4463)

Approved

In other business Chairman Johansson recognized Ellen Linderman and Maggie Goode for their support, dedicated service, and hard work during their time as FCIC Board Members. The Chairman also recognized Tim Hoffman and Leiann Nelson for their service as they both retire after many years of dedicated service.

Other Business

There being no further business the Board voted to adjourn and to meet again May 22-24, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

Adjourn

February 13, 2018

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Robin Anderson, Secretary  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

