

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 15-17, 2020, via videoconference and phone. The public was invited to attend the open session portion of the meeting.

Meeting
September 17,
2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am on September 16, 2020.

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 17, 2020, at 10:45 am.

Reconvene Open
Session

Samuel Pogue 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 Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, USDA; Bill Northey; Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation; 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

Present by phone were Delores Dean, Tom Worth, Chandra Mason, David Zanoni, Francie Tolle, Richard Flournoy, Tara Ponds, Angie Conchola, Mike Ciliege, Anna Parker, Jaime Padget, Shaun Collins, Robert Dubois, Lane Webb, and Heather Manzano, RMA; Maureen James and Sam Pogue, from the Office of the General Counsel; and Ashley Hungerford, Office of the Chief Economist.

Also Present by phone were: Clif Parks and Nicole Gueck, AgriLogic, LLC; Clare Cerda and Alan Roebke, Informed TV, MN.

Chairman Johansson asked Administrator Martin Barbre for the Manager's Report. Mr. Barbre 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 4633)

Dispense with Reading Report

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to approve the Minutes (Exhibit 4634) of the meeting of the Board held on August 20, 2020.

Dispense with Reading Minutes

The motion carried. (Exhibit 4633 and 4634)

The Chairman brought to the floor the following dockets:

Reimbursement Requests

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Macadamia Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4635;

Macadamia Tree

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission APH Caneberry - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4636;

Caneberry

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Pecan Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4637;

Pecan Tree

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4638;

Triticale

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hybrid Vegetable Seed - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4639;

Hybrid Vegetable Seed

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hemp - Research and Development Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4640;

Hemp

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Apple Trees - Research and Development Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4641;

Apple Trees

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Sugarcane 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4642; and

Sugar Cane

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Dairy Revenue Protection Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4643.

Dairy Revenue Protection Margin Protection

The Chairman offered the following resolution, which was seconded:

Reimbursement Requests

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in the dockets listed herein, as well as other material 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 using established guidelines in the Approved Procedures for Reimbursements and Determination of Reasonableness Related to Reimbursement Expenses for Concept Proposals, 508(h) Submissions and User Fee Requests as authorized under section 522(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act not to exceed the following amounts:

\$23,466 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Macadamia Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4635;

\$24,824 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission APH Caneberry - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4636;

\$49,391 of third-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Pecan Tree - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4637;

\$86,562 of third-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4638;

\$53,537 of first-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hybrid Vegetable Seed - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4639;

\$718,134 of remaining research and development expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hemp - Research and Development Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4640;

\$422,291 of remaining research and development expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Apple Trees - Research and Development Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4641;

\$155,394 of fourth-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Sugarcane 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4642; and

\$326,680 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Dairy Revenue Protection Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4643.

One member abstained for the first seven reimbursement amounts (Exhibits 4635-4641) but voted to approve the remaining 2 reimbursement amounts (Exhibits 4642 and 4643).

With no further discussion, the Board voted to approve. (Exhibits 4635-4643)

Approved

The Chairman offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section Hybrid Seed Rice Pilot Program Modification

Hybrid Seed Rice
Pilot Program
Modification

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section Hybrid Seed Rice Pilot Program Modification 09-17-20 01, Exhibit No. 4644, as well as other material submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves the Hybrid Seed Rice Pilot Program 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 4644)

Approved

The Chairman offered the following Sense of the Board.

Sense of the
Board

