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 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 Dispense with reading of the Manager's Report. (Exhibit 4633) Reading Report A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of Dispense with the Minutes and to approve the Minutes (Exhibit 4634) of the Reading Minutes meeting of the Board held on August 20, 2020. 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 -Macadamia Tree Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4635; Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission APH Caneberry -Caneberry Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4636; Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Pecan Tree -Pecan Tree Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4637; Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Triticale Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4638; Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hybrid Vegetable Seed -Hybrid Vegetable Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4639; Seed Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Hemp - Research and Hemp Development Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4640; Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Submission Apple Trees - Research Apple Trees

and Development Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit

4641;

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

Dairy Revenue Protection

Sugar Cane

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

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. Cl-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. Cl-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. Cl-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. Cl-Section 508(h) Submission Triticale - Maintenance Reimbursement Request 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4638;

\$53,537 of first-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. Cl-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. Cl-Section 508(h) Submission Sugarcane 09-17-20 01, Exhibit 4642; and

\$326,680 of second-year maintenance expenses for Docket No. Cl-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. Cl-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)

The Chairman offered the following Sense of the Board.

Approved

Sense of the Board

On May 21, 2020, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) approved the Production and Revenue History (PRH) plan of insurance for strawberries. Until further notice, the Board will not consider privately developed PRH products while RMA tests the performance of this new plan.

Chairman Johansson, US Northey and Administrator Barbre thanked our outgoing Board Members, Iris Saenz, John Finston, Kenneth Sneed and Jim Bardenhagen for their great work, seriousness towards the issues, the challenging questions that they asked to work through those issues, their dedication and service to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and to the producers of this country. They were thanked for their friendship, dedication, and the wonderful contribution they made over the past 8 years.

Other Business

Next, the Chairman welcomed and introduced the 4 new Board Members who will be coming on for the November 2020 Board Meeting. They are Nichole Berg of Washington, Pat Swanson of Iowa, Scott Silveus of Indiana, and Ken Selzer of Kansas.

There being no further business the Board voted to adjourn and to meet again November 17-19, 2020, location to be determined.

Approved

September 17, 2020 /signed/
Robin Anderson, Secretary
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation