

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 November 19, in Washington, DC. The public was invited to attend the open session portion of the meeting.

Meeting
November 19,
2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, November 19, 2014, in Room 6610, South Agriculture Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC.

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 the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act).

Executive Session

The open session of the Board reconvened at 2:00 pm.

Reconvene Open
Session

David Grahn 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 Joe Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; James Bardenhagen, Iris Saenz, John Finston, Margaret Goode, Ellen Linderman, and Kenneth Sneed and Brandon Willis, Manager, FCIC, constituting a statutory quorum and Cindy Spoor, Secretary, FCIC.

Present

Also present were Thomas Worth, Ron Lundine, and Tammy Jackson, RMA; David Grahn and Kim Arrigo, Office of the General Counsel; Rob Johansson, Deputy Chief Economist; and Clif Parks, and Dr. Costa, AgriLogic. Present by phone were Tim Witt, Tim Hoffmann, Leiann Nelson, Bill Bing, and Sydnee Chattin, RMA and Paul Rodgers, American Sheep Industry.

Chairman Glauber asked Brandon Willis for the Manager's Report. Mr. Willis stated that the Manager's Report is available on line at

Manager's Report

www.rma.usda.gov) and reported that RMA has released the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection insurance product materials, the Peanut Revenue policy and program materials will be released shortly and RMA has announced that it is evaluating the feasibility of over 40 additional crops that may be covered under Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) insurance for the 2016 crop year.

Hearing no objection, Dr. Glauber agreed to dispense with a reading of the Manager's Report. (Exhibit 4255)

Dispense with Reading Report

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on September 18, 2014.

Dispense with Reading Minutes

The motion carried. (Exhibits 4256)

Approved

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI – Section 522(b) Concept Proposal 135 11-19-14 01, which was seconded:

Concept Proposal 135

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 135 11-19-14 01, Exhibit 4257, the Board approves expert review of Concept Proposal 135 and directs that: 1) the Manager of the Corporation be authorized to take such action as necessary to enter into and execute contracts with the persons or entities on the attached list, or the alternates in case the proposed persons are not available, to review the Concept Proposal prior to Board action; and 2) the attached task order statement of work be used to execute the contracts.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4257)

Approved

The Chair stated that the next action item Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0048 11-19-14 02, Exhibit 4258, was tabled at the request of the submitter.

Confidential Submission 0048 Tabled

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0049 11-19-14 03, which was seconded:

Confidential
Submission 0049

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0049 11-19-14 03, Exhibit 4259, as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board disapproves Confidential Submission 0049, as authorized under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4259)

Disapproved

The Chairman offered the following resolution which was seconded for Docket No. CI- Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0051 11-19-14 01:

Confidential
Submission 0051

WHEREAS, Section 505(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) requires the Board to enter into contracts with persons experienced as actuaries and in underwriting for reviews of any policy or plan of insurance, or any related material or modification of a policy or plan of insurance proposed to be offered under the Act, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI- Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0051 11-19-14 01, Exhibit 4260, the Board approves expert review for Confidential Submission 0051 and directs that: 1) the Manager of the Corporation be authorized to take such action as necessary to enter in to and execute contracts with the persons or entities on the attached list, or the alternates in case the proposed persons are not available, to review the Confidential Submission 0051 prior to Board action; and 2) the attached task order statement of work be used to execute the contracts.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4260)

Approved

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Annual Forage Modification 11-19-14 01, which was seconded:

5089(h) Annual
Forage
Modification

WHEREAS, Section 505(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) requires the Board to enter into contracts with persons experienced as actuaries and in underwriting for reviews of any

policy or plan of insurance, or any related material or modification of a policy or plan of insurance proposed to be offered under the Act, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Annual Forage Modification 11-19-14 01, Exhibit 4261, the Board approves expert review for the Rainfall Index Annual Forage plans of insurance modifications and directs that: 1) The Manager of the Corporation be authorized to take such action as necessary to enter into and execute contracts with the persons or entities on the attached list, or the alternates in case the proposed persons are not available, to review the Annual Forage plan of insurance modification prior to Board action; and 2) The attached task order statement of work be used to execute the contracts.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4261)

Approved

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection for Lamb Modification 11-19-14 02 was the next action item before the Board. The Chair offered the following resolution which was seconded:

LRP
Lamb
Modification

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection for Lamb Modification 11-19-14 02, Exhibit 4262 as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board hereby approves Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection for Lamb 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. AND 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 4262)

Approved

Section 508(h) Livestock Risk Protection for Lamb Modification refers to a revision to the model and pricing methodologies for the plan of insurance.

