

**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 July 1, 2004, in room 104-A of the Whitten Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. The public was invited to attend the Open Session portions of the meeting.

Meeting
July 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m., in Open Session.

Call to Order
Open Session

Present were Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA and Chairperson; Susan Fitzsimmons, John Askew, and Frank Jones, constituting a statutory quorum; JB Penn, Undersecretary (FFAS), Ross Davidson, Manager, FCIC; David Hatch, Deputy Manager, FCIC; Byron Anderson, Secretary, and Vondie O'Conner, Deputy Secretary.

Present

Also present were Floyd Gaibler, Butch May, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS); David Grahn, Kim Arrigo, and Don Brittenham, Office of the General Counsel (OGC); Jim Callan, Alan Ott, Brent Doane, Shirley Pugh, Cindy Spoor, Tim Witt, Virginia Guzman and Lydia Astorga, Dave Clauser, David Brunson, Michael Alston and Bob Vollmert of the Risk Management Agency (RMA); James Driscoll, Tim Watts and Miles Watts, Watts & Associates; Dan Rosentein, Rural Community Insurance Services; Elizabeth Haws, Claire Flynn and David Graves, American Association of Crop Insurers; Sara Tyree, Agrilogic Inc.; Roger Swartz, American Farm Bureau Insurance Services, Inc.; Barbara Leach, Leach and Associates; and Kim Karst, National Association of Wheat Growers.

The Manager's Report was submitted for the record by FCIC Manager Davidson. No action was taken on this report. (Board Memorandum No. 754; Exhibit No. 2736)

Manager's Report

David Grahn read a recitation to all members of the Board.

Recitation

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 May 6, 2004.

Dispense with
Reading – Minutes
Accepted

The motion carried. (Exhibit No. 2735)

Approved –

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: 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 a new Sweetpotato Pilot Program (with the addition of Columbus County, North Carolina, and Horry County, South Carolina) prior to Board action; and 2) the attached task order statement of work as modified to reflect concerns of the Board be used to execute the contracts.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the following resolution

RESOLVED: 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 a new GRP Rangeland Pilot Program prior to Board action; and 2) the attached task order statement of work as modified to reflect concerns of the Board be used to execute the contracts.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the following resolution

WHEREAS, Board Memorandum No. 649, Exhibit No. 2095, approved on April 11, 2002, approving a list of reviewers and alternates and the task order statement of work for the review of the Written Agreement Handbook, and authorized the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (Corporation) to take such action as necessary to enter into contracts with the reviewers for the review of this handbook upon clearance for legal sufficiency by the Office of the General Counsel, and

WHEREAS, the revised Handbook has been cleared for legal sufficiency by the Office of the General Counsel, and

WHEREAS, the list of reviewers and alternates, and the task order statement of work are out of date, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That Board Memorandum No. 649 be amended to replace the list of reviewers and alternates, and the task order statement of work with the attached revised list of reviewers and alternates, and task order

Sweetpotato Pilot

Approved –

GRP Rangeland
Pilot

Approved –

Written Agreement
Handbook

