



# RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

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## Food and Agriculture Task Force

June 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 2:00 p.m.

### Task Force Members Present:

- Commissioner Mike Strain
- Wayne Baquet, Jr.
- Richard Fontenot
- Bobby Skeen
- Jim Simon
- Scott Poole
- Toni McAllister
- Dr. Bill Richardson
- Reggy McDaniel
- Dr. Susan Hassig
- Randy Bracy
- Buck Vandersteen

- Agenda and Roll Call
  - The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain at 2:02 PM.
  - The roll was called by Melanie Tullier
  - Certification for Lack of Quorum
    - Mrs. Tullier stated there was a quorum with twelve members present.
- Public Comments
  - Tim Alexander reminded the task force that while there has been a significant collapse in row crop prices as China plans to stop purchasing agricultural commodities, interest rates remain at record lows to assist with automating and renovating facilities.
- Approval of Minutes from 5/19/2020
  - Reggy McDaniel made a motion accept the minutes. Dr. Susan Hassig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Opening Remarks – Co-Chairs: Commissioner Mike Strain and Wayne Baquet
  - Commissioner Strain notified the task force that he and his staff are currently drafting the final report to be presented to the Resilient Louisiana Commission. The draft report will be emailed to all task force members after today’s meeting.
- Discussion on Long-Term Resilience and Development of Action Items for the Task Force report to the Resilient Louisiana Commission
  - Commissioner Strain briefly highlighted items that are covered in the executive summary report that will be submitted to the Resilient Louisiana Commission. He requested that all members review the report. The task force will address any issues of the report at the next meeting.
  - Scott Poole made a motion to send a letter in support of SB 418 to the governor on behalf of the task force. It was seconded by Richard Fontenot. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Next Steps & Meeting Date
  - The Task Force will reconvene on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 2 PM.
- Public Comments
  - There were no public comments.
- Closing Remarks and Adjournment
  - A motion to adjourn was made by Reggy McDaniel. It was seconded by Bobby Skeen and passed unanimously at 2:36 PM.