

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 May 8-9, 2013, in Washington, DC. The public was invited to attend the open session portion of the meeting.

Meeting  
May 8-9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm, May 8, in Room 6610, South Agriculture Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, in open session.

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 1:30 pm on May 9 in Room 108A, Jamie Whitten Building, Washington, DC.

Reconvene Open  
Session

Kim Arrigo 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, 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 Acting Associate Administrator, Michael Alston, Tim Witt, Tim Hoffmann, Thomas Worth, Ron Lundine and Tammy Jackson of RMA; Kim Arrigo, Michael Knipe and Steven Gusky, Office of the General Counsel; Rob Johansson, Deputy Chief Economist; Rob Cerda, Crop Insurance Systems Inc., David Bossman, AgWin LLC.; Sarah Hubbart, Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau; Kerry Shropshire, AgForce and present by phone were: Sydnee Chattin, Tim Davis, Bill Bing, Leiann Nelson, Mark Alderson and Terry Katzer of RMA.

Chairman Glauber asked Brandon Willis for the Manager's Report

Manager's Report

(the Manager's Report is available on line at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov)). Mr. Willis noted that the Federal crop insurance program has paid out over \$17 billion for 2012 with a loss ratio of 1.55 and RMA announced yesterday that the approved insurance providers may, at their sole discretion, make a determination to allow the continuation of the haying or grazing of the cover crop until May 22, 2013 due to the cool wet conditions.

Hearing no objection, Dr. Glauber agreed to dispense with a reading of the Manager's Report. (Exhibit 4136)

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 February 7, 2013.

Dispense with Reading – Minutes

The motion carried. (Exhibit 4126)

Approved

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0041 05-09-13 01, which was seconded:

Confidential Submission 0041

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 0041 05-09-13 01, Exhibit 4129, the Board approves expert review for Confidential Submission 0041 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 Confidential Submission 0041 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 4129)

Approved

Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0042 05-09-13 01 was the next action item before the Board. The Chair offered the following resolution which was seconded:

Confidential Submission 0042

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 0042 05-09-13 01, Exhibit 4130, the Board approves expert review for Confidential Submission 0042, once the Manager has determined that sufficient changes have been made to the submission, as represented by the submitter in Executive Session, to make it of sufficient quality to send for expert review 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 0042 prior to Board action; and 2) the attached task order statement of work be used to execute the contracts; and that the time period specified in Section 508(h)(4)(D) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act will not commence until the Manager has determined the submission to be of sufficient quality.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4130)

Approved

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0043 05-09-13 01, which was seconded:

Confidential  
Submission 0043

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the information contained in Docket No. CI-Section 508(h) Confidential Submission 0043 05-09-13 01, Exhibit 4131, as well as other material that were submitted to the Board on this matter, the Board approves a revision to Confidential Submission 0043, to authorize optional units as approved by the Manager, as authorized under section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4131)

Approved

The Chair stated that Docket No. CI – Section 522(b) Concept Proposal 129 05-09-13 01 and Docket No. CI – Section 522(b) Concept Proposal 130 05-09-13 01 were withdrawn by the

Concept  
Proposals  
129 and 30

submitters. (Exhibits 4127 and 4128)

He also stated that Docket No. CI- Apiculture Plan of Insurance Modification 05-09-13 01 was tabled. (Exhibit 4132)

Apiculture Plan of Insurance

The next item before the Board was Docket No. CI - ARH Tart Cherry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 05-09-13 01. The following resolution was offered and seconded.

ARH Tart Cherry

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 - ARH Tart Cherry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 05-09-13 01, Exhibit 4133, the Board approves expert review for the ARH Tart Cherry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 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 ARH Tart Cherry Pilot Crop Insurance Program 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 4133)

Approved

Chairman Glauber offered the following resolution for Docket No. CI – Removal of County Crop Programs 05-09-13 01, which was seconded:

Removal of County Crop Programs

RESOLVED, That Docket No. CI – Removal of County Crop Programs 05-09-13 01, Exhibit 4134, authorizing the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to delete fifty four county crop insurance programs for the counties and crops listed in the attachment, effective for the 2014 crop year as applicable, since FCIC has determined that these programs have had no participation reported between crop years 2008 and 2012 or had excessive risks.

There being no discussion the Board voted to approve the resolution. (Exhibit 4134)

Approved

As directed by Chairman Glauber on behalf of the Board the list was amended to exclude the below County Crop Programs from termination because they had participation in 2013.

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>
Apples	Maine	Knox
Barley	New Mexico	Quay
Oats	Texas	Blanco

There being no further business to come before the Board voted to adjourn and to meet at a future date to act upon the tabled item and then to meet again August 6-8, 2013, in Washington, DC.

Adjourn

May 9, 2013

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/signed/  
Cindy Spoor, Secretary  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation