AGENDA

House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development
Thursday, April 29, 2021
Committee Room 3
9:00 a.m.

Chairman: Jack G. McFarland
Vice Chairman: Francis C. Thompson
Staff: Nicholas Cole, attorney
       Trinicia Bryant, committee administrative assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

____   HB 49   RISER   WEIGHTS/MEASURES Increases certain weights and measures registration and license fees under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry

____   HB 104  WHEAT  AGRICULTURE Provides relative to the composition of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health and its regulatory authority over the disposal of livestock animal carcasses

____   HB 177  WHEAT  ANIMALS Provides relative to sterilization of animals sold or released for adoption from shelters

____   HB 230  JOHNSON, TRAVIS  AGRICULTURE Provides relative to aquaculture development and the Louisiana Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board

____   HB 239  RISER  FORESTRY Provides relative to the harvesting of cypress trees on state property

____   HB 404  THOMPSON  AGRICULTURE Provides relative to lifetime livestock brand recordation and fees

____   HB 622  THOMPSON  RURAL/DEVELOPMENT Provides relative to the office of rural development and the Rural Development Program

____   HB 640  SCHEXNAYDER  AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES Provides relative to industrial hemp

____   HB 647  JOHNSON, TRAVIS  DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVELOP Creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District
IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration and adoption of minutes from meetings of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development held in 2020 Regular Session on May 7, and May 20, 2020 and in the Second Extraordinary Session on October 12, 2020.

Introduction and comments by Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14:33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE SUBMIT A WITNESS CARD TO THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS IF YOU WANT TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.