

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN PECAN PROMOTION BOARD

November 8, 2021

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Pecan Promotion Board was called to order by David Salopek, Chairperson of the Board, on November 8, 2021, at 2:32pm CST.

Participants

The following were in attendance and participated in the meeting:

Alex Caryl, (MDD-MARB)  
Sue Coleman, (MDD-MARB)  
Marlene Betts, (MDD)  
Patty Petrella, (MDD)

David Salopek  
Mike Adams  
Deborah Walden-Ralls  
Paul Quiros

Discussion

Mr. Salopek reviewed the agenda for the participants of this meeting. Mr. Salopek called on Ms. Walden-Ralls to update the participants on the status of the discussions with the APPB's Bank and Accounting firm. Ms. Walden-Ralls announced the Bank accounts were opened and reviewed the status of the APPB's contract with the Accounting firm. Ms. Caryl reported on her conversations with the Bank regarding the MOU. The participants all commented on the contracting status of the Bank and Accounting Firm with the APPB.

Mr. Salopek called on Mr. Adams to discuss the APPB forms and report on his meetings and conversations with First Handlers and Importers. Mr. Adams discussed the concerns that had been raised by many of the First Handlers and Importers and the meeting participants entered into a general conversation as to how to manage this process and move forward on this issue this year. The group discussed how the Executive Committee and the USDA could use the instructions to help the First Handlers and Importers comply with the forms. Additionally, the Executive Committee reviewed the option of contracting with Fishhook as a possible vendor for an APPB records and forms portal. The Executive also discussed the agenda for the meeting of the Board on November 9, 2021.

Minutes Approved

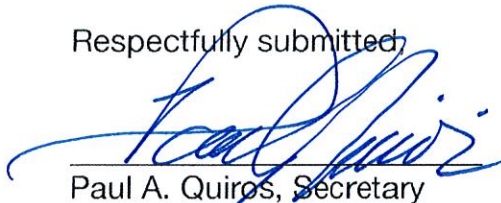
Mr. Salopek called for comments regarding the Minutes for the October 25, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting. Hearing none and upon motion made by Mr.

Adams and vote of the Executive Committee, the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting dated October 25, 2021, were approved.

Adjournment

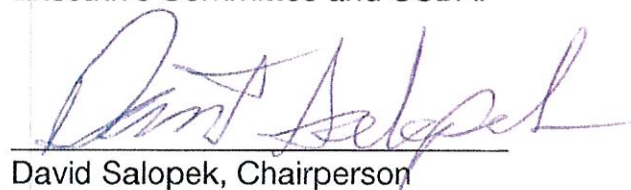
Having no further business, Mr. Salopek adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul A. Quiros, Secretary

Approved after review of the  
Executive Committee and USDA:



David Salopek, Chairperson