

Minutes for Boll Weevil Committee
March 1, 2021
Little Rock, Arkansas

Present via Zoom were:

Sam Stuckey, Chairman	Mark Stoll
Tommy Anderson	Scott Bray
Darrell Hess	Amy Lyman
Matthew Marsh	Michael Bynum
Mark Morgan	Wade Hodge
Terry Fuller	Regina Coleman
ZacWellman	Melissa Cary
Scott Milburn	Cal McCastlain

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Mr. Sam Stuckey. Introductions were made. Those present via Zoom were presented with the following:

1. **Boll Weevil Committee Agenda**
2. **Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., Invoice # Delta 2020**
3. **Analysis of Delta Invoice 2009-2020**
4. **Email from Rhonda S. Qualls**
5. **Entity Account Summary - Danny & Rhonda Qualls Partnership**

1. Review Northeast Delta Invoice

- **Total Invoice: \$230,736.67**
- **Overhead Expenses: \$153,103.62**
- **Direct Expenses: \$77,653.05**
- **Increases 2019-2020 due to increases in payment to the National Boll Weevil protection fund per acre. The other major driver of the increase in this year's budget was a revamp and rebuild of the website.**
- **The professional fees for the website will be an ongoing expense and is not expected to be limited to last budget year.**
- **Motion to accept Invoice carries unopposed.**
- **The board met and agreed to a \$1 an acre rebate with checks to go out on April 1. No action is necessary by the Department of Agriculture. All approvals will be handled by the foundation board.**

Z. Refund Request from Danny Qualls

- Mr. Qualls was assessed for 1986.50 acres with a total assessment of \$5959.50. Payment was due August 15th. Payment was made in full on September 14th including a penalty of \$1986.50.
- The earliest opportunity to pay is in June. A courtesy call was placed August 1st•Mr. Qualls was contacted and offered an invoice. Physical copies of invoices are only available at verification and digital copies are sent by email.
- There are many growers who received late penalties and Mr. Qualls is the only one asking for a refund. Mr. Qualls has decades of cotton farming experience and this is his first time breaking the rules.
- Due to historical precedence and the efforts of the foundation to contact the growers the request for a refund is denied.

3. 2020 Project Update from Regina Coleman

- Updated website to accept online payments. No surcharge for electronic check. Credit cards do incur a fee.
- Updated logo for the organization on business cards and sign on the building working with Comgroup in Little Rock.
- Built a photo library with Brent Miller of Bearskin Farms. Documented the season from seed to harvest.
- 499,022 acres were assessed in 2020. \$1.4 million was collected at a rate of over 99.9%. \$5300 are still owed.
- Liens have been processed to be applied on the past due assessments. One of the farmers that did not pay is growing for reasons other than crop. The other farmer who still owes gins outside the state.
- The majority of rebate checks were cashed last year. Only a few checks were canceled.
- Operating costs were around \$2 an acre.
- Verification, maps, and pick list should be added this year. Social media will begin to be used for communication and a newsletter will be started this year.

Meeting adjourned. No other business.



 Sam Stuckey, Committee Chairman



Asa Hutchinson
Governor

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Wes Ward
Secretary of Agriculture

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sam Stuckey (Chairman)
Mr. Tommy Anderson
Dr. Ken K011h, Ph.D.
Mr. Darrell Hess
Mr. Matthew Marsh
Mr. Mark Morgan
Mr. Terry Fuller (Ex Officio Member)

FROM: Zac Wellman, Program Manager, Regulatory Services

DATE: March 01, 2021

SUBJECT: Boll Weevil Committee Meeting

Mr. Sam Stuckey has requested that a Boll Weevil Committee Meeting to be held on March 01, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM. The Committee Meeting will be virtual through Zoom. The agenda is as follows:

BOLL WEEVIL COMMITTEE AGENDA March 01, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Committee Meeting:

1. Review Northeast Arkansas Delta Invoice.
2. Refund Request from Danny Qualls
3. Other Business

Adjourned



Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 2838
West Helena, Arkansas 72390

Invoice # **Delta 2020**

INVOICE

Customer

Name Arkansas State Plant Board
 Address #1 Natural Resource Drive
 City Little Rock State AR ZIP 72205
 Phone 501-225-1598

Date 2/19/2021

Line	Item Description	Cost
	Overhead Expense See Itemized List on Page 2	\$153,103.62
	Direct Expense See Itemized List on Page 3	\$n,633.05
Total		\$230,738.67

Total **\$230,736.67**



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Line Item Description		Cost
Overhead Expense	Bank Charges	\$570.01
	Building & Facility	\$578.12
	Data Management/Computer Expense	\$3,260.72
	GasVehicle Expense	\$3,742.10
	Insurance Expense	\$10,595.47
	Professional Fees Expense	\$35,418.83
	Meals	\$291.62
	National Boll Weevil Protection Fund	\$35,281.53
	Office Supplies Expense	\$1,662.02
	Postage & Shipping	\$245.06
	Salaries & Benefits	\$54,669.23
	Rent	\$2,714.93
	Taxes - Other	\$748.12
	Telephone	\$1,361.59
	Travel	\$704.18
	Utilities	\$1,156.44
	Gifts & Flowers	\$47.09
	Dues & Registrations	\$56.56
SubTotal		\$1,103.62



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	Line Item Description	Cost
Direct Expense	Data Management Expense	\$184.03
	GasNehicle Expense	\$1,903.97
	Salaries & Benefits	\$74,882.08
	Telephone	\$646.71
	Office Supplies	\$16.26
	SubTotal	sn633.os

TOTAL | \$230,736.67 |

From: "Rhonda S. Qualls" <rhondagualls@me.com>
Date: November 8, 2020 at 7:11:49 PM CST
To: zac.wellman@agri-culture.arkansas.gov
Cc: Hubby <dannykqualls@gmail.com>
Subject: **Boll Weevil Assessment payment**

11/9/2020

To: Arkansas State Plant Board

Boll Weevil Assessment Board

From: Danny & Rhonda Qualls PTR Farms

Danny Qualls-Operator

200 Hwy 135

Lake City, AR 72437

870-926-8402

I am filing this appeal in order to seek a refund of my charge of \$1.00/acre penalty on my boll weevil assessment for 2020.

Due to COVID-19, I was handling FSA business via email and had emails from Jordan Thomas and I had emails from Jordan Schwantz, So, I accidentally deleted the email from Mr. Schwantz reminding me if this upcoming payment rendering my payment late. Once I realized I was late I immediately contacted Regina at the Boll Weevil office but was Informed that I must pay the penalty. I want the board to know I have never been late or failed to make any payments to boll weevil assessment.

I would kindly ask that I be given a full refund of the penalty payment of \$1.00/per acre.

Sincerely and Thank you,

Danny K Qualls

Entity Account Summary - DANNY & RHONDA QUALLS PARTNERSHIP

Tax Id	Total Acres	Total Assessment	Total Penalty	SubTotal	Surcharge	Total Payment	Account Summary	Total Credit
HQT000325	1,986.5	\$5,959.50	\$1,986.50	\$7,946.00	\$0.00	\$7,946.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* Due Aug 15th
* Paid Sept 14th