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Arkansas Rice Research Promotion Board Meeting

November 2, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions - Jim Whitaker, Chairman (9:00 – 9:05)
 2. Administrative reports (9:05 – 9:20)
 - Consider minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting
 - Financial reports
 - Approval of meeting expenses
 - Research funding target
 3. USA Rice programs (9:30 – 10:00)
 - Administrative issues - Betsy Ward, President and CEO
 - Domestic promotion - Michael Klein, Vice President, Domestic Promotion and Communications
 - International promotion - Sarah Moran, Vice President, International
 4. University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture programs (10:00 – 11:30)
 - NERREC update - Dr. Tim Burcham, Director; Lane Bennings, Construction Manager
 - Breeding - Dr. Xueyan Sha and Dr. Christian De Guzman
 - Foundation seed and rice commercialization update - John Carlin
 - University of Arkansas administrative reports - Dr. Nathan Slaton
 - Crop and Verification Program update - Dr. Jarrod Hardke
- Break (11:30 – 12:30)
5. Review of hybrid seed production - Dr. Nathan Slaton, Dr. Hardke, Dr. Sha, Dr. De Guzman, and Mr. Carlin (12:30 – 1:15)

6. Review of current research activities at the USDA-ARS Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center - Dr. Yulin Jia and Dr. Jeremy Edwards (1:15 – 1:45)
7. Review of current research activities at the USDA-ARS Delta Water Management Research Unit - Dr. Michelle Reba (1:45 – 2:15)
8. Other business
9. Next meeting date
10. Adjourn