

ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

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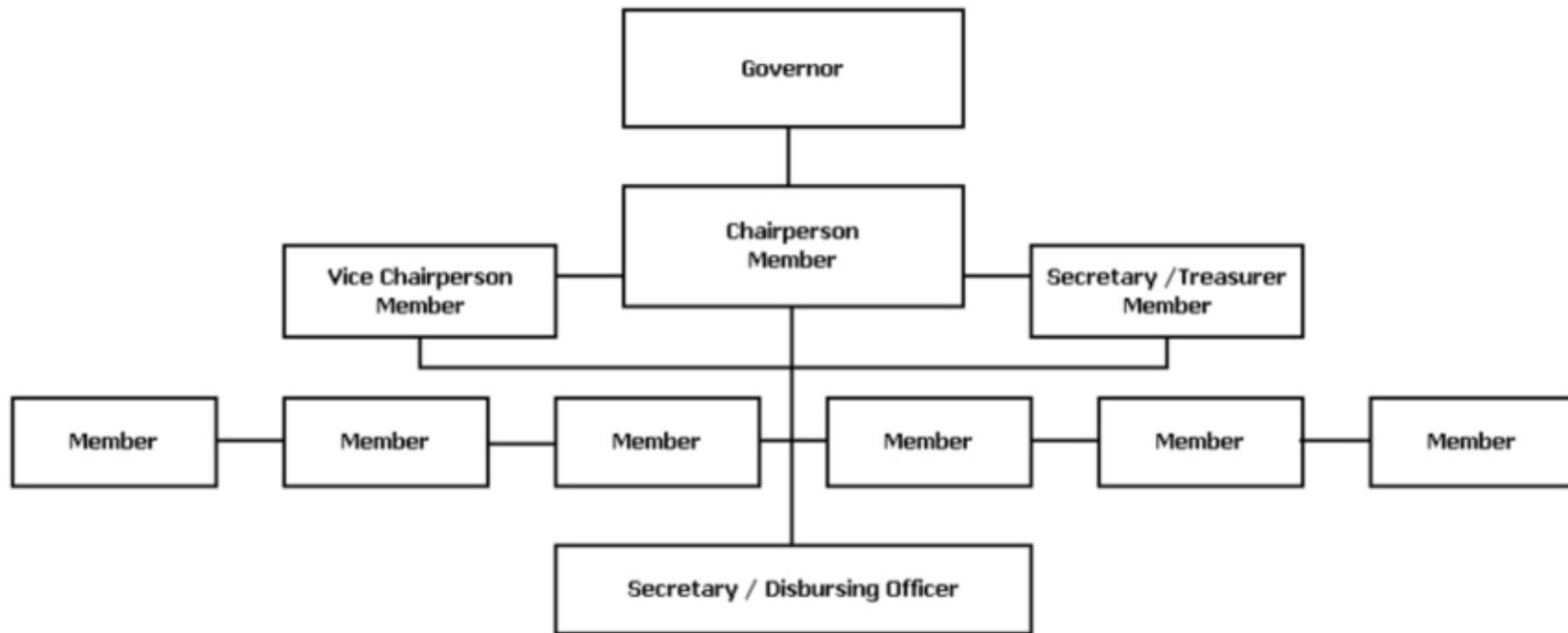
Act 43 of 2010
A.C.A. §2-20-604 et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board was created by Act 283 of 1985. The mission is to promote the growth and development of the wheat industry in Arkansas by research, extension, promotion and market development, thereby promoting the general welfare of the people of Arkansas.

The Board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor. Three are nominated by and represent the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and two each are nominated by and represent Riceland Foods, Inc., the Agriculture Council of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Association of Wheat Growers. The Board is administered by the Executive Vice President of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

The Board administers a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas for market. The assessment is collected at the first point of sale by the Arkansas State Miscellaneous Tax Department. The funds enter the State Treasury, and are disbursed by the Board to fund wheat research and promotion efforts.



Agency Commentary

The budget request of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by special revenues collected from a one cent per bushel check off on all wheat produced in Arkansas.

The Agency's 2011-13 Biennial Budget Request is a continuation of Base Level. An allocation of these special revenue funds will be used to fund wheat related research projects through the University of Arkansas and private research companies as the Board sees fit. Projects are individually approved and monitored by the Board. The Board welcomes project proposals at the first quarter meeting, usually held in August.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

Findings

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Recommendations

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

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		Governor	General Assembly		
None	N/A	N	N	0	N/A

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion

Funding Sources: SWP - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund

The purpose of the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board is to promote the growth and development of the wheat industry in the State of Arkansas.

The Wheat Promotion Board is funded entirely by Special Revenue collected from a one cent per bushel assessment on all wheat grown in Arkansas. The funds are primarily used to maintain a program of research through the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service and to support domestic and export promotion programs through memberships in national wheat promotion organizations. A small portion is used for other programs designed to enhance the Arkansas wheat industry.

The Agency is requesting Base Level appropriation of \$791,871 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	1,870	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research/Development	5900031	283,025	781,871	781,871	781,871	781,871	781,871	781,871	781,871	781,871
Total		284,895	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	237,969	111,058		111,058	111,058	111,058	111,058	111,058	111,058
Special Revenue	4000030	157,984	791,871		791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871
Total Funding		395,953	902,929		902,929	902,929	902,929	902,929	902,929	902,929
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(111,058)	(111,058)		(111,058)	(111,058)	(111,058)	(111,058)	(111,058)	(111,058)
Grand Total		284,895	791,871		791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871	791,871