

ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD

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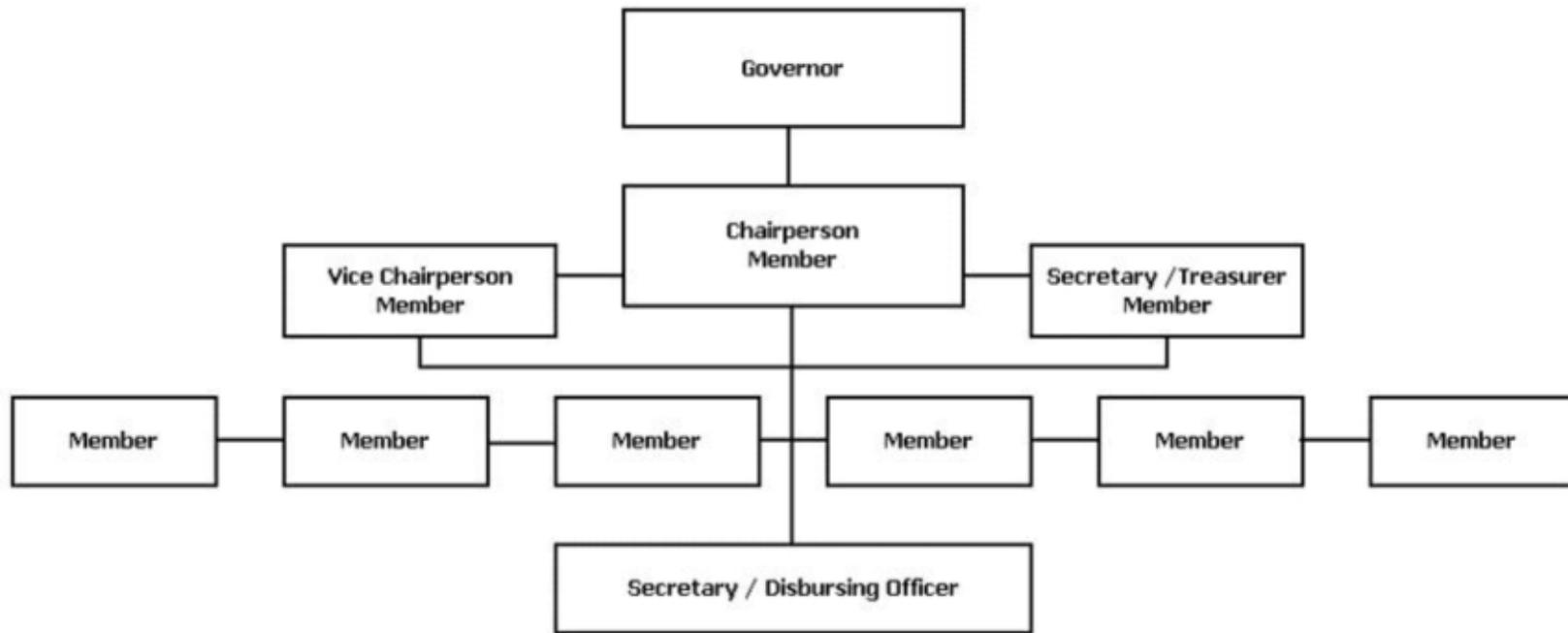
Act 188 of 2016
A.C.A. §2-20-604 et seq.

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 Board is requesting Base Level appropriation.

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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion

Funding Sources: SWP - Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board

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 Board is requesting Base Level of \$170,000 each year of the 2017-2019 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 999 - Arkansas Wheat Promotion

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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		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	2,070	7,100	10,000	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100
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	260,541	162,900	440,895	162,900	162,900	162,900	162,900	162,900	162,900
Total		262,611	170,000	450,895	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	192,309	74,053		204,053	204,053	204,053	334,053	334,053	334,053
Special Revenue	4000030	144,355	300,000		300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Funding		336,664	374,053		504,053	504,053	504,053	634,053	634,053	634,053
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(74,053)	(204,053)		(334,053)	(334,053)	(334,053)	(464,053)	(464,053)	(464,053)
Grand Total		262,611	170,000		170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000