

**RURAL VETERINARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**  
**2105 Kramer Lane**  
**Austin, Texas 78758**

**COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
**February 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

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| <b>1.</b> Welcome and Call to Order  | Presiding Officer |
| <b>2.</b> Roll Call for Committee Members  | Presiding Officer |
| <b>3.</b> Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2022, Rural Veterinary Incentive Program Committee Meeting (Action Item)  | Presiding Officer |
| <b>4.</b> Rural Veterinary Incentive Program administration and activity of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), and universities   | TAHC Staff        |
| <b>5.</b> State and federal statutes, rules, and regulations related to the Rural Veterinary Incentive Program and its funding, including Texas Education Code, Chapter 56 and 61; Tex. S.B. 8, 87 <sup>th</sup> , 3d Called Sess. (2021); American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. No. 117-2); the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 42 U.S.C §§ 802, 803; 31 CFR. Part 35.   | TAHC Staff        |
| <b>6.</b> Proposed legislation for the 88 <sup>th</sup> Legislature Regular Session that relates to the Rural Veterinary Incentive Program   | TAHC Staff        |
| <b>7.</b> Administrative rule making process and requirements  | TAHC Staff        |
| <b>8.</b> Consideration of and Possible Action on Proposed Rules (Action Item)<br>4 TAC Ch. 42. Rural Veterinary Incentive Program, including:<br>(A) §42.1. Authority and Purpose<br>(B) §42.3. Administration<br>(C) §42.5. Definitions<br>(D) §42.7. Dissemination of Information<br>(E) §42.9. Eligibility<br>(F) §42.11. Application Review for Initial Screening<br>(G) §42.13. Application Evaluation and Selection Process<br>(H) §42.15. Denial of an Application<br>(I) §42.17. Rural Community Sponsors<br>(J) §42.19. Eligible Lender and Eligible Education Loan<br>(K) §42.21. Amount of Loan Repayment Assistance<br>(L) §42.23. Conditions of Loan Repayment Assistance<br>(M) §42.25. Disbursement of Loan Repayment Assistance | Presiding Officer |
| <b>9.</b> Public Comment   | Presiding Officer |
| <b>10.</b> Set date for next meeting   | Presiding Officer |
| <b>11.</b> Adjournment   | Presiding Officer |

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Unless the committee calls for public input for a specific agenda item, public comment will be permitted only during the public comment portion of the meeting and will be limited to three minutes per person.

The public may participate in-person at the physical location stated on the agenda. Registration for in-person comments will begin when the meeting is scheduled to begin.

The public may participate by submitting written comments to the TAHC via email to [comments@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov) or by hand delivery or mail to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM CT on February 21, 2023 and should include the individual's name and, if applicable, interest group or association, and state the agenda item(s) related to the comment.

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Items may be taken up in an order other than that listed on the agenda.

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