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## Arkansas Rice Research Promotion Board Meeting

1 Natural Resources Drive  
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Meeting Agenda

**November 12, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order – Jim Whitaker, Chairman
2. Administrative reports
  - A. Consider meeting minutes of July 31, 2025
  - B. Financial report – Inoussa Zaki
3. Funding discussion
  - A. Establish funding target for 2026–2027
  - B. Identify proposal areas of concern to address
  - C. Set meeting date for 2026 funding meeting and subsequent 2026 meetings
  - D. University of Arkansas funding advances
4. Northeast Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center field day discussion
5. University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture update
  - A. Reviewing the 2025 rice season – Dr. Jarrod Hardke
  - B. Rice Delphacid update – Dr. Nick Bateman
6. Rice milling quality research update – Ronnie Helms, G & H Associates
7. USDA NIFA co-funded agreement update
8. Other business
9. Adjourn