



## Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

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### MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2024 6:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED 611 OLD CENTRAL TAXIWAY, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560

**Call to Order** – Vice Chairman, Mr. Jay Leger, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Roll Call** – The Chairman requested the roll be taken. The following were present: Mr. Jay Leger, Dr. Christopher Dupuy, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. John Simmons and Dr. Timothy Viator.

The following were absent: Mr. Willie Polite.

It was noted that a quorum was present. Others in attendance: Herff Jones, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Camacho, Administrative Secretary.

**Persons to address the Board** – None.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Approval of Minutes** – the Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Simmons motioned that the minutes be adopted and entered into the record. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

#### **Director's Report**

**8D Summary** – Mr. Jones presented to the Board a preliminary end of the year summary for 2023. He identified how distinctly and dramatically different 2023 mosquito season was when compared to previous years. Mosquitoes are aquatic organisms; rightfully so, extreme drought effected population densities and diversity for much of the mosquito season as well as the virus transmission risk in the primary mosquito vector (Southern House mosquito) for West Nile virus. The impact of these unusually high temperatures and lack of rain reduced the actual need for control interventions. Furthermore, without fail, the last 90 days of 2023 produced heavy periodic rainfall, mild temperatures and marked derivations in high and low tides; the perfect scenario for intense floodwater species mosquito infestations. These late season mosquito infestations called for all hands on deck and increased control operations.

**Budget Report** – Mr. Jones mentioned to the board that the budget report is solely reflective of the first two months of the 2024 physical year. He stated that expenditures are related to overhead, office operations and building system repairs such as HVAC, heat as well as fire suppression systems. Mr. Jones mentioned to the Board that budget thresholds were set in January and feels confident in the budget plan for 2024.

**Action Items for the Board's Consideration** –

Mr. Jones did ask for the Board's consensus to reaffirm a resolution (2022-02-001). The BOC has purview and authority to identify assets of the district as surplus and to instruct the director to dispose of identified items in a manner consistent with local ordinances and state statues. Mr. Jones asked that the resolution on record be reaffirmed and after therefore designated as (2023-02-001). Ms. Gray motioned that the surplus resolution be reaffirmed. Dr. Viator second the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Announcements** – Mr. Jones informed the Board he, assistant director and biologist will attend the AMCA 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX. from March 4<sup>th</sup> thru March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He is also asked to present at the 19<sup>th</sup> Arbovirus Surveillance & Mosquito Control Workshop in St. Augustine, FL. from March 26<sup>th</sup> thru March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Adjourn** – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Ms. Gray motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones  
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