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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2024 6:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED 611 OLD CENTRAL TAXIWAY, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560

Call to Order – Chairman, Mr. Willie Polite, called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Roll Call – The Chairman requested the roll be taken. The following were present: Mr. Willie Polite, Ms. Maggie Daniels, Dr. Christopher Dupuy and Mr. Jay Leger.

The following were absent: Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. John Simmons and Dr. Timothy Viator.

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. Leger 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 reported that we have had unusually high mosquito activity for the first quarter (January – March) of this year. We have been actively responding to individual spray requests and we have also started our ground and aerial operations sooner than we would normally. He also stated that our disease surveillance corresponds with what is known to be the transmission period for encephalitis which is CDC week 20, to CDC week 40. This year that is mid – May through the first week in October. He added that two aerial flights were conducted in March targeting south of Hwy. 90 where there are heavy mosquito populations coupled with reinfestations. The District has contended with unfavorable weather conditions causing interference with establishing consistent spray operations. We are bound by the label instructions to identify the proper weather conditions to spray.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones indicated the March posting of revenue proceeds is not reflected on this meeting's budget summary report. The end of the first quarter sales tax proceeds is performing as expected. Mr. Jones also reviewed the District's established budgetary benchmarks. The first benchmark is revenue proceeds to fund our operational program, the second benchmark is the proceeds to fund our operational program and capital outlay plan and the third benchmark includes the \$500,000 contingency line item for emergencies and/or disease outbreak. Mr. Jones also explained the unusual feature of our budget carrying forward two fund balances.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – None.

Announcements – Mr. Jones spoke about his presentation at the Anastasia Spring Workshop in Florida. His focus was on the principles and foundations that we operate on, how we developed our program as well as how we make it all work. He also mentioned that he was able to participate on a panel discussion with CDC, Department of Defense and EPA; key stake holders and decision makers related to federally supported post hurricane operations. Mr. Jones informed the BOC he will attend the AMCA Washington Day Conference taking place in Washington, D.C. starting May 13th thru May 15th, 2024.

Mr. Jones presented to the board alternative dates for our May 14th BOC, meeting due to the fact that it falls during the Washington Day Conference. He proposed two alternate dates of May 7th or May 21st. May 21st, 2024 was chosen. Mr. Leger motioned that our May meeting date be changed to the 21st. The motion was unanimously accepted. Mr. Jones also introduced our newest board member Ms. Maggie Daniels who will be filling a vacancy on our board.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Ms. Daniels motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones
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