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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 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 6:09 PM.

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

The following were absent: Mr. John Simmons.

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. Dr. Dupuy motioned that the minutes be adopted and entered into the record. Ms. Daniels second the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones called to the board's attention the April 2024 operations. Mr. Jones explained that the influx of mosquitoes that we are experiencing are in part due to the heat wave and drought experienced in 2023. Significant weather events such as heatwave, drought, flooding, tropical weather and hurricanes, elicit profound impacts on biological systems contributing to massive and explosive floodwater mosquito populations not only immediate, but up to two years following the weather event(s). He also explained that we may see population changes for next year as well. Mr. Jones stated that our trap surveillance and our wi-fi traps have shown that the mosquitoes are clearly responsive to the materials we are using in our aerial and ground spraying. Mr. Jones also mentioned that the surveillance report as of this meeting indicates marked decrease in overall population numbers; this does not address human nature's desire for zero mosquitoes. Mr. Jones also explained to the members that we conduct our spraying when the weather permits spraying to satisfy federal and state regulations as well as use taxpayers proceeds properly and not wastefully, which he is certain our citizens would appreciate.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones stated that our expenditures are as expected. He stated that our chemical bid responses will be opened on Wednesday 5/22/2024. The tax is performing well, and we close to our first budgetary benchmark. Mr. Jones ended his remarks with, he expects the District to be within our budgetary goal at the end of the year, without any issues.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – None.

Announcements – Mr. Jones spoke about the Washington Day Conference that he attended in Washington, D.C. Mr. Jones stated that the time and effort was time well spent. He also stated that the language AMCA supported and sought to be included in the Farm bill was introduced; hopes are for the measure to proceed to a vote then to

the President's desk for his signature. Additionally, AMCA requested appropriations report language related to re-allocating CDC DVBD funding to support a nationwide advanced arbovirus surveillance database was met favorably by the Louisiana delegation and drafted to the final appropriations measure for Congressional and Presidential approval.

Mr. Jones also mentioned to the board that Mr. John Simmons will address the Council on June 12th, 2024, for continuance of his IPMAD BOC service.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Mr. Leger motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Daniels second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones
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