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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 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 6:10 PM.

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

The following were absent: Ms. Maggie Daniels and Mr. John Simmons.

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

Amend Agenda – Mr. Jones ask the Chairman to insert a consideration by the Board to reaffirm resolutions previously concurred by the BOC unanimously. The Chair agreed called for the motion to amend the agenda; the motion received a unanimous second, the motion carried unanimously.

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. Gray second the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones called the board's attention to both the June and July operations summary. June was typical; aerial operations contended with remaining floodwater populations. June and July ground operations compared to previous months, indicated an expected increase; dry weather allows for more consistent truck spraying. Additionally, ground operations were expanded due to West Nile virus isolations in tested mosquito samples. Genetic mosquito testing is sensitive and provides the District with early warning and detection of possible virus transmission risk, which allows us to take action as well as message the public to be aware and cautious. Mr. Jones also told the board that we are targeting larviciding and truck spraying to address the specific mosquito population.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones told the board that our expenditures were as expected. Mr. Jones called the board's attention to the tax collection. He told the board that we surpassed our 3 budgetary thresholds for the year as of July.

LDH Summary – Mr. Jones stated that LDH (Louisiana Department of Health) has reported 17 West Nile Virus cases in humans. 13 were of the more serious type neuroinvasive cases, and an additional 4 cases of reported West Nile fever and there were no detections in blood donations.

Reaffirmation of Previous Resolutions –

The resolutions were as follows:

2023-12-001 – Authorize Participation in AMCA AMCARF Program (2024-08-001)

2019-06-004 – Authorize AMCA Sustaining Membership for IPMAD Annually (2024-08-002)

2022-02-001 – Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property (2024-08-003)

Dr. Dupuy motioned and Dr. Viator seconded that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2024-08-001

(A resolution to reaffirm resolution 2023-12-001 authorizing participation in AMCARF American Mosquito Control Association Research Fund)

WHEREAS, the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) recognizes the need for applied operational research to achieve its mission; innovation, collaboration, evidence-based control methods and public health protections and

WHEREAS, the American Mosquito Control Association Research Fund (AMCARF) is an association program that directly oversees and supports applied operational research projects for the advancement of evidence – based knowledge, and

WHEREAS, support of the AMCARF program particularly as an AMCA sustaining member, bestows mutual benefits to the Iberia Mosquito Abatement District and its employees, being active, fully vested members; thus, the recipients of the resultant applied research projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners does declare that the IPMAD actively participate by support funding of AMCARF designated projects. Furthermore, the IPMAD BOC duly authorizes the Director to initiate, execute and sign all documents related to these matters.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Chris Dupuy, Dr. Tim Viator and Ms. Latifah Gray.

Nays: None.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 13th day of August, 2024.

Dr. Dupuy motioned and Dr. Viator seconded that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2024-08-002

(A resolution to reaffirm resolution 2019-06-004 to authorize AMCA sustaining membership for IPMAD)

WHEREAS, the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) recognizes the necessity for legislative and regulatory advocacy at the Federal level for mosquito control and public health agencies (Districts) that employs its members, and

WHEREAS, Sustaining Government Membership provides the level of support which enables the AMCA to provide legislative advocacy, technical and special subject matter support as well as extensive member benefits for all district employees, and

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement and its employees, being active, fully vested members of the AMCA, with all benefits from that membership, would receive direct mutual benefits from these advocacy, technical and special subject matter support programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners does declare that the IPMAD obtain and maintain AMCA Sustaining Government Membership status annually for the duration of IPMAD’s existence. Furthermore, the IPMAD BOC duly authorizes the Director to execute and sign all documents related to this matter.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite Dr. Chris Dupuy, Dr. Tim Viator and Ms. Latifah Gray.

NAYS: None.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 13th day of August, 2024.

Dr. Dupuy motioned and Dr. Viator seconded that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2024-08-003

(A resolution to reaffirm resolution 2022-02-001 authorizing the disposal of District property deemed surplus)

WHEREAS, it is within the purview of the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners to acquire property, contract services, purchase equipment and material for the purpose of maintaining and operating IPMAD, and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time certain vehicles, equipment and other IPMAD property has come to end of service for the District's purposes and deemed surplus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners does direct and authorize the IPMAD Director to facilitate the transfer of ownership, the surplus for returned value and / or the disposal of designated surplus properties, all in accordance with Parish ordinances and state statute. Furthermore, the Board duly authorizes the Director to initiate, execute and sign all related documents to these matters.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Chris Dupuy, Dr. Tim Viator and Ms. Latifah Gray.

NAYS: None.

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 13th day of August, 2024.

Preliminary Budget (FY 2025) Discussion – Mr. Jones provided the board members with information concerning the FY 2025 budget for them to go over before our next board meeting. He did discuss the information included in the proposed budget at this meeting with the board members.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – None.

Announcements – Mr. Jones did remind the Board members of their need to complete the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Dr. Viator motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones
Executive Director
Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District