



Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON MARCH 14, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 611 OLD CENTRAL TAXIWAY, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560

Call to order – Chairman, Mr. Willie Polite called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken. The following were present: Mr. Willie Polite, Chairman, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. Jay Leger and Mr. John Simmons.

The following were absent: Dr. Christopher Dupuy and Dr. Tim 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 for the previous meeting. Mr. Leger motioned that the minutes be adopted and entered into the record, Mr. Simmons second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones took a few minutes before proceeding with the meeting to discuss the IPMAC BOC 2023 monthly meeting dates. The chairman called for a motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates. Mr. Simmons motioned that the dates be adopted, Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones also took time to ask Mr. Polite if he wished to continue as Chairman of the IPMAD BOC and Mr. Polite did acknowledge that he would like to continue as Chairman of the IPMAD BOC. Mr. Leger motioned to appoint Mr. Polite as Chairman of the IPMAD BOC. It was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Mr. Jones also asked Mr. Leger if he wished to continue as Vice-Chairman of the IPMAD BOC and Mr. Leger acknowledged that he would like to continue as Vice-Chairman of the IPMAD BOC. Mr. Simmons motioned to appoint Mr. Leger continuing on as Vice-Chairman of the IPMAD BOC. It unanimously seconded and adopted.

Director's Report

8D Summary - Mr. Jones stated that in February there were very few days that we were able to treat for the mosquitoes due to the weather and temperature conditions. He did state that the numbers would be changing as the weather warms up. Mr. Jones also stated that we have been handling individual spray requests all year, weather and conditions permitting. Our surveillance will start promptly on the CDC's week 14 which will be April 3rd, 2023. Once the surveillance traps are place, then we move to put the trucks on regular routine spray routes. Mr. Jones stated that surveillance guides our operational interventions and is the leading indicator for community wide mosquito abatement exercises.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones stated that our sales tax revenues so far this year are near \$700,000. Mr. Jones stated we designate our budgetary thresholds for the year at this time to frame our base necessities as we face the coming tropical and hurricane season as well as the encephalitis transmission period. Parish administration has customarily made appropriate, conservative revenue projects over our 17 year history. Without fail, those revenue projections have been on target; given the highly unpredictable nature of mosquito control in a southwest coastal Louisiana parish. Our primary threshold for 2023 for operational expenditures is \$1.79M, our

secondary threshold for operations and capital expenditures \$1.91M and our tertiary threshold of operations, capital purchases as well as contingency funding is \$2.41M. This board has served the citizens of Iberia parish well. The program has provided enhanced public health protections, improved quality of life and preserved surplus dollars to support vital programs for drainage, parishwide as well as the incorporated municipalities. It is our intent never to waiver in this regard.

Recap – Mr. Jones spoke to the board about the AMCA 89th Annual Meeting that took place in Reno, NV, this year. Mr. Jones along with our Biologist Mr. David Martin were both in attendance for this annual meeting. Mr. Martin gave a presentation on temporal relationship overtime of WNV virus activity in mosquitoes and that relationship as it relates to risk of WNV transmission to our public. The effort could identify trends, so we can better and more precisely focus our treatments. Mr. Jones presented in a symposium focused on aerial control programs and was able to deliver a unique perspective of two public agencies owning and operating a public asset. This is rarely seen in routine operations and in few cases of emergency support operations for programs without such capabilities. Attendees were surprised at the effort put forth to ensure both parish entity’s best interests were provided for as well as protected by the detailed cooperative endeavor agreement. The group was also intrigued by the seamless nature of cooperation between two program directors to effectively serve both parishes with expanded control and disease protection capabilities.

Action Items for the Board’s consideration -

1) - **Adoption of the IPMAD Board of Commissioners 2023 Meeting Dates:** Mr. Jones asked the board members to consider and adopt the IPMAD BOC 2023 meeting dates as presented. Mr. Simmons motioned to accept the future IPMAD BOC meeting dates for the year 2023. Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Simmons motioned and Mr. Jay Leger seconded that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2023-03-001

(Adoption of IPMAD Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates)

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners holds publicly advertised open meetings and,

WHEREAS, the IPMAD BOC intends to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm at the district office, 611 Old Central Taxiway, New Iberia, LA 70560.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IPMAD BOC adopts the 2023 meeting dates attached as appendix to this resolution. These dates as posted do not preclude call meetings, emergency meetings or amendments to the meeting dates given the proper notification.

January 10, 2023	July 11, 2023
February 14, 2023	August 8, 2023
March 14, 2023	September 12, 2023
April 11, 2023	October 10, 2023
May 9, 2023	November 14, 2023
June 13, 2023	December 12, 2023

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

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. Jay Leger and Mr. John Simmons.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dr. Christopher Dupuy and Dr. Timothy Viator

The resolution was adopted on the 14th day of March, 2023.

2)- **Authorization of Disposal of Surplus Property:** Mr. Jones asked the board to consider and adopt the disposal and/or sale of IPMAD outdated equipment. Mr. Simmons motioned to accept the proposal of disposal of surplus property. Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Simmons motioned and Mr. Jay Leger seconded that the following be approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-03-002
(Disposal of Surplus Property)

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 operation the district and,

WHEREAS, certain vehicles, equipment and other IPMAD property has comes to their end of service for the district's purposes are now declared surplus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IPMAD BOC does hereby direct and authorize the IPMAD Director to facilitate the transfer of ownership, the surplus for returned values and/or the disposal of designated surplus properties, all in accordance with parish ordinances and state statutes. Furthermore, the IPMAD BOC 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, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. Jay Leger and Mr. John Simmons.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dr. Christopher Dupuy and Dr. Timothy Viator

The resolution was adopted on the 14th day of March, 2023.

3)- **2023 Surplus Distribution budget adjustment:** Mr. Jones asked the board to consider and adopt to officially declare that we are done with the 2022 budget and make the necessary adjustments to that budget and distribute the funds and amend our current budget to reflect those actual totals.

Ms. Latifah Gray motioned and Mr. Leger second that the following be approved:

RESOLUTION 2023-03-003
(2023 Surplus Distribution Budget Adjustment)

WHEREAS, proceeds from the ¼ sales and use tax provides revenues for maintaining and operating a parishwide mosquito abatement program.

WHEREAS, all surplus proceeds are to be distributed annually in accordance with the tax call and Parish ordinance on a per capita basis according to the 2020 U.S. Census to Parishwide drainage, the City of New Iberia and the incorporated municipalities of Iberia Parish --- Delcambre, Jeanerette, Loreauville and,

WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners does hereby declare all unexpended 2022 operational and capital improvements appropriations, with the exception of carry forward grant funds as excess; therefore surplus,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IPMAD BOC does hereby resolve to amend the 2023 IPMAD appropriations budget to reflect the actual 2022 surplus distribution amounts and those funds distributed accordingly.

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

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. Jay Leger and Mr. John Simmons.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dr. Christopher Dupuy and Dr. Timothy Viator

The resolution was adopted on the 14th day of March, 2023.

Announcements -

1)- Mr. Jones announced to the board that the upcoming LMCA Spring Work Shop will be held in Baton Rouge, LA on March 28th and 29th at the East Baton Rouge Mosquito and Rodent Control District . This work shop will cover the basics of mosquito control and will guide them towards achieving the certifications. Mr. Jones mentioned that the state will ask in 2024 that every operator be licensed including the spray truck drivers.

2)- Mr. Jones also mentioned to the board that he will be attending the AMCA Washington Day Conference being held from May 15th thru May 18th, 2023 in Washington, D.C. This is a necessary interaction with Federal agencies to learn of new application requirements and label changes to meet ESA mitigation procedures.

Adjourn -The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Ms. Gray motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Simmons second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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