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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING CONDUCTED ON APRIL 11, 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 6:01 PM.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – Mr. Jones asked to amend the agenda. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda. Mr. Simmons motioned that amendment to the agenda be allowed, Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken. The following were present: Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Christopher Dupuy, Ms. Latifah Gray, Mr. Jay Leger, Mr. John Simmons and Dr. Timothy Viator.
The following were absent: None

It was noted that a quorum was present. Others in attendance: Mr. 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 the entered into the record, Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones stated that March 27th marked the start of routine ground ULV truck spraying for the 2023 season. Additionally, implementation of the parish wide surveillance program is also underway. Mr. Jones reminded Board members that our routine ground ULV spray operations are strictly based on our mosquito surveillance information and citizen's requests are handled as usual. Mr. Jones asked the board should citizens contact them for mosquito issues, please direct the call to our office for assistance.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones stated the revenue summary was attached to the budget summary to identify actual revenues totals through March. Mr. Jones reviewed the budgetary benchmarks

set for 2023 for the members that were not present at the previous meeting. It was noted that the program has clearly demonstrated its mission directive, as our 17th season begins, to protect public health, improve the quality of life in Iberia parish for economics, recreation and leisure through the abatement of nuisance mosquitoes as well as stewardship of the public monies. The total surplus dollars over our 16 years of operation are significant and the expansion of our program's capacity and competency should be noted. The director indicated he is looking forward to further enhancing the district's capabilities. Lastly, the director reported line item expenditures showed nothing not expected. The district took advantage of receiving a 2% buy back rebate on our aerial chemicals, with a purchase of 1/3 of our anticipated consumption of this specific pesticide and the pilots are finishing repairs, overhauls and required inspections on the aircraft to be ready for the 2023 aerial spray season.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – None

Announcements – Mr. Jones stated that the 2023 LMCA Spring Work Shop held March 28th and 29th at the East Baton Rouge Mosquito and Rodent Control facility was a success. This program is for new employees to mosquito control and those seeking mosquito certifications. Our drivers by next year will be required to have a license from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The EPA is requiring this for everyone operating equipment or handling related pesticides in mosquito control operations.

Mr. Jones also mentioned the upcoming 2023 AMCA Washington Day Conference coming up on May 15th thru May 18th in Washington D.C. This will be an opportunity to address in person important federal funding and regulatory issues related to public health mosquito control as well as talk directly with the Louisiana delegation.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Mr. Leger motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Simmons second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones, Executive Director
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