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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING CONDUCTED ON JUNE 13, 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 6:08 PM.

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, Ms. Adrienne Camacho, Administrative Secretary and Mr. Milton Belanger, Iberia Parish Government Chief Administrative Officer.

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. Simmons motioned that the minutes be adopted and then entered into the record, Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones took a moment to summarize the District's mission, surveillance program, control operations, citizens services as well as the professional staff's commitment to provide public health protection from mosquito-borne pathogens to the citizens of Iberia parish. Additionally, he pointed out the escalation of ground operations in response to surveillance and shift to more summer weather patterns.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones called attention to operational budget line item transfers to cover expenditures related to unanticipated repairs and refurbishments at the mosquito control facility as well as the engineering services needed to specify proposals. Mr. Jones added, for Mr. Belanger's benefit, some of the budget planning strategies (budgetary thresholds) the IPMAD Board uses to successfully operate the program at full capacity with limited resources, anticipate the unpredictable weather of a Gulf of Mexico Louisiana coastal parish and return appropriate

surplus revenues to the parish that supports other vital programs. Mr. Jones ended, sharing the revenue recap, showing collection through May with expectations to meet total budget proposed revenues as adopted.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration –

AMCA Sustaining Government Membership: Mr. Jones asked for consensus on a previously adopted resolution 2019-06-004. The board agreed and proceeded as follows: Mr. Polite motioned. The second motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Polite and unanimous seconded that the following be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2023-06-001

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 the 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 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 and related actions.

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

YEAS: Mr. Willie Polite, Mr. Jay Leger, Dr. Chris Dupuy, Mr. John Simmons, Dr. Tim Viator,
Ms. Latifah Gray

NAYS: None

The resolution was adopted unanimously on this 13th day of June, 2023.

Announcements – Mr. Jones spoke to the BOC about the Washington D.C. Conference. He mentioned that it was successful and that Louisiana is fortunate to have Congressional and Senatorial members on key committees. He further mentioned, AMCA submitted important federal funding asks for resources to better assess risks associated with pesticides and the necessary mitigations to eliminate those risks not only for humans but, particularly identified sensitive species. Additionally, as Louisiana's visiting delegates, we urged our Congressional and Senatorial officials to maintain funding to CDC; at the District level we receive direct benefit from CDC grant funding as well as critical public health threat intervention support. Programs such as CDC ELC grants, AMCA and LMCA scholarships provided an opportunity for a 2 year study, conducted under the supervision of LSU Ag Extension Medical Entomologist Dr. Kristen Healy, to elucidate the effects of mosquito control on Louisiana crawfish. Research associate and now PhD graduate, Daniel McNamara revealed when applications are made according to label instructions and best practices are implemented negative impacts on juvenile or adult crawfish are non-detectable or negligible. Mr. Jones said our program is the exclusion of all know aquaculture

production areas from all spray operations. This knowledge is especially useful for “unknown” crawfish producers.

Mr. Jones mentioned that the AMCA national mosquito awareness week is June 18th thru 24th, 2023 he has asked Mr. Richard to ask that he identify that week for Iberia Parish as “Pilez Mosquito Week” just as the Governor Bell. Mr. Jones will contact the radio station and disseminate a press release for the other news agencies. He also mentioned that we activities planned at all of our local libraries for the children that are out of school for summer vacation.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Mr. Leger motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Dr. Viator second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones, Executive Director
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