



Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

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MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING CONDUCTED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken. The following were present: Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Christopher Dupuy, Ms. Latifa 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.

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 then entered into the record, Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

8D Summary – Mr. Jones stated August mosquito surveillance numbers are reflective of the extremely high temperatures and dry weather. Additionally, two aerial flights were conducted following our response protocol to WNV isolations in mosquito sample submissions and testing. Mr. Jones stated within IPMC program surveillance, the risk of virus transmission is low but present. He stated it is our mission to disrupt the transmission of mosquito – borne pathogens particularly since virus transmission is active despite low mosquito populations and extremely high temperatures.

LDH Arbovirus Summary – Mr. Jones stated that the Louisiana Department of Health is sending weekly summary reports on virus activity across the state. LDH has confirmed a human occurrence of West Nile Fever (WNF) in Iberia Parish. WNF is defined by the presence of WNV antibodies and symptoms without the need for hospitalization or extensive medical support.

Budget Report – Mr. Jones stated that all of our expenditures are in line and as expected for this time of year. He also stated that as of June we achieved our first two budgetary benchmarks and are close to achieving all budgetary benchmarks for the year 2023.

Final Discussion FY2024 Appropriations Budget – Mr. Jones stated that the administration has reviewed the proposed 2024 budget and there were no objections. Mr. Jones proceeded to review the FY2024 budget with the board members, answer questions and address any points of discussion.

Action Items for the Board's Consideration – Mr. Jones proposed to the board to consider and adopt the proposed budget for the FY2024. The board agreed and proceeded as follows: Mr. Simmons motioned. Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-09-001

WHEREAS, the District Director has presented the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District 2024 proposed appropriations budget for operational and capital expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the IPMAD Board of Commissioners has reviewed, discussed and adopted the proposed 2024 IPMAD budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IPMAD Board of Commissioners does hereby submit the proposed 2024 IPMAD appropriations budget to the Iberia Parish Government administration and IPG Council for review, consideration and adoption.

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

YEAS: Mr. John Simmons, Mr. Jay Leger, Mr. Willie Polite, Dr. Christopher Dupuy, Ms. Latifah Gray and Dr. Timothy Viator.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted on this 12th day of September 2023

Announcements – Mr. Jones reminded the BOC he will attend the SOVE (Society of Vector Ecology) annual meeting being held from September 19th thru the 21st, 2023 in Charleston, S.C. and the North West Mosquito and Vector Control Annual meeting from October 23rd thru the 25th, 2023 in Whitefish, Mt. as a program presenter.

Mr. Jones spoke to the board about our upcoming Louisiana Mosquito Control Association 66th Annual Conference to be held in Lafayette, LA from December 5th thru the 7th, 2023. He did invite the members to join the conference, see firsthand about the statewide effort for mosquito control in Louisiana. He also mentioned that the IPMAD will be hosting an Education Day for elementary, middle and high school students. There will be hands on interaction in biology and mosquito control. The educational day will be Monday December 4th, 2023 which will be a full day of learning and Tuesday December 5th, 2023 which will be a half day of learning. Once the Educational Day is finished the LMCA 66th Annual Conference will commence in Lafayette, LA and will end on Thursday December 7th, 2023.

Adjourn – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Dr. Viator motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Dr. Dupuy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Submitted by Herff MP. Jones, Executive Director
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