



## Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

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### **MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 9, 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 6:05 PM.

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

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

**Amendment to the Agenda** – Mr. Jones asked to amend the agenda to consider a budget adjustment reallocation FY2023 to FY2024 budget. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda. Mr. Simmons motioned the agenda be amended for this item, the motion received a unanimous second. The motion carried unanimously.

**Persons to address the Board** – None.

**Public Comments** – Members of the public were in attendance: Jessie Boudreaux, Brock Pellerin, Joy Zeta, Joni Kernan and other guests. The Director and Board members entertained questions and discussion to the satisfaction of those in attendance.

**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 entered into the record. Mr. Leger second the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.

#### **Director's Report**

**8D Summary** – Mr. Jones stated operations for December have shifted to residential requests. The weather deals tough circumstance to conduct operations. When it is pleasant 60 degrees Fahrenheit during the day the mosquitoes are out in full force; exactly when we cannot spray. When sundown does arrive and we can spray the temperature drops quickly below 55 degrees Fahrenheit leaving little time to do wide area ground or aerial spraying. These circumstances lead to difficulties addressing late season biting floodwater mosquito populations. Residents are encouraged to call the office directly for assistance late fall and winter.

**Budget Report** – Mr. Jones informed the board that the IPG council adopted our 2024 appropriations budget with an amendment to provide additional 2.5% increase to IPG employee's salaries. This is much appreciated the council's efforts to make this possible. He further indicated, referring to the 2023 tax collection recap that the mosquito control tax out performed 2023 projections, the \$500,000 contingency line item was unexpended as well; benefiting the 2023 surplus.

**LDH Arbovirus Summary** – Mr. Jones summarized the CDC week 52 end of year report from the Louisiana Department of Health. LDH reported 65 West Nile Virus cases for Louisiana, 46 of those were neuroinvasive, the most serious form of WNV, 7 West Nile fever cases; where patients' symptoms do not require hospitalization support. Unfortunately, for 2023 LDH reported 4 fatalities related to WNV for the year. In Iberia Parish we did have 4 identified cases, 1 neuroinvasive case that recovered, 2 West Nile fever (WNF) cases, 1 presumptive donor case (PVD); meaning blood donation showed antibodies for flavivirus indicating a previous exposure to WNV. There were no fatalities in Iberia Parish this year related to WNV infections. We had a total of 17 mosquito sample isolations of WNV of nearly 2,800 samples that were submitted for RT-PCR testing in 2023.

**Action Items for the Board's Consideration** – Mr. Jones asked the board to consider and adopt a resolution to carry forward specified capital improvement appropriations for reallocation to (574100) the 2024 capital improvements appropriations. The Chairman call for a motion. Dr. Viator motioned that the funds be carried forward. Mr. Simmons second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2024-01-001  
(Capital Improvements Appropriations Reallocation FY2024)

Dr. Tim Viator motioned and Mr. John Simmons seconded that the following be adopted

WHEREAS, it is within the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District Board of Commissioners purview to exercise oversight of the IPG council approved 2023 IPMAD appropriations budget, and

WHEREAS, the IPMAD Director has duly identified a need to carry forward certain 2023 capital improvements appropriations to the 2024 capital improvements appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IPMAD Board of Commissioners does identify \$108,000 of 2023 capital improvements appropriations (574100) to be carried forward and reallocated to the 2024 IPMAD capital improvements appropriations.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Dr. Christopher Dupuy.

The resolution was adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

Mr. Jones spoke to the board concerning our February meeting date that would need to be changed due to a conflict with a parish holiday. Mr. Jones offered the board two dates that would work for our upcoming February 2024 meeting and those dates are February 6<sup>th</sup> or February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mr. Leger motioned for the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 date. The vote was unanimous.

**Announcements** – None.

**Adjourn** – The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn: Ms. Gray motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Leger second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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