



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY (LATIFPA)

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

10:00am

LDI Plaza Hearing Room

1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Members present: Nathan Strebeck, Chairman, Renee Free, Rep. Mike Huval, Barry Milligan, Chris Styron, Lt. Michael Wilkerson, Natalie Brunson-Wheeler, and Senator Kirk Talbot

Members Absent: David Clements and Tommy Jeter

Staff present: Crystal Stutes, Kevin Smith
Special Agent Allen Applewhite (NICB)

Call to Order:

Nathan Strebeck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Old Business:

Approval of May 2023, Minutes: Senator Talbot moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting. Ms. Brunson-Wheeler seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

New Business:

Budget Report (attached): Ms. Crystal Stutes reviewed the financial status of the Authority as of August 8, 2023, highlighting budget authority and expenditures, collections, and summary for the FY 22/23.

New LATIFPA LPR Grant Applications: The Board reviewed grant applications and interviewed representatives for Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office and the LSU Police Department.

Upon completion of the first review, Rep. Huval moved to approve Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office. Lt. Wilderson seconded the motion.

During the review of the LSU Police Department's application, Lt. Josh Stephenson commented that stated they had cameras in the past, but they reached end of life and were no longer working. These new cameras would be used to run license plates moving through and around campus and enhance the safety of approximately 35,000 to 40,000 LSU students.

Rep. Huval moved to approve the LSU Police Department's application. Mr. Barry Milligan seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the motion was approved without objection.

During subsequent discussion revolving around costs incurred replacing cameras, Lt. Michael Wilkerson recommended that the agencies/grantees should incur the cost of removing equipment once it reaches end of life.

Update on Current LATIFPA LPR Installations and Operations: Assistant Director, Kevin Smith reported on updates on new LPR vendors currently being used to replace current outdated LPR camera system. The report included detailed accounting of each agency's status in the grant process from approval, ordering, installation, and complete operation.

Chairman Nathan Strebeck mentioned that we were in the process of developing some new standard operating procedures for LATIFPA with respect to the LPR program.

NICB Report: Allen Applewhite provided information on LPR usage and reviewed the NICB LPR agency reporting stats.

LATIFPA Community Outreach Update: Assistant Director Smith submitted community outreach and education program report from May 23, 2023, through November 2023.

Other Business: No other business was presented before the board.

Announcements: No announcements presented before the board. The next tentative meeting date is yet to be determined. A notice will be sent under separate cover.

Adjournment: Rep. Huval offered a motion for adjournment. Mr. Milligan seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.