

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
5825 FLORIDA BLVD.  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
July 14, 2021 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order by Dr. Coburn at 9:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Dr. Grady Coburn, George Bragg, Dr. Kenneth McMartin, Jenny Buller, Scotty Meador, Ryan Waguespack, Johnny Landry, and Billy Guthrie.

Members absent: Roby Shields.

Others present: Kevin Wofford-LDAF; Harry Schexnayder-LDAF; Paeton Burkett-LDAF Counsel; Amy McInnis-LDAF Counsel; Kelly Moore-LDAF; Joe Ingrao-LDAF; Dr. Ansel Rankins-LDAF; Shelly Graham-LDAF; and Jeffery Wale-Hearing Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

Mr. Jeffery Wale, Hearing Officer, conducted the Adjudicatory Hearing. Ms. Burkett presented the following cases:

**Ricky Morgan, Case No. 2333**

Mr. Morgan was not present. The Department charged Mr. Morgan with one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII, 1101(I). Following the penalty matrix, the charge included a penalty of \$1,000.00, with \$500.00 suspended, due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Mr. Wale admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buller and passed unanimously.

**Louisiana International Hemp Company, Case No. 2348**

Louisiana International Hemp Company was not present. The Department charged Louisiana International Hemp Company with one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(16). Following the penalty matrix, the charge included a penalty of \$2,500.00 due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Mr. Wale admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

*Mr. Waguespack abstained from voting.*

**Motion:** Dr. Coburn made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously among remaining members.

**George Young, Jr., Case No. 2349**

Mr. Young was not present. The Department charged Mr. Young with one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII,1101(I). Following the penalty matrix, the charges included a penalty of \$1,000.00, with \$500.00 suspended, due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Mr. Wale admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

**Motion:** Mr. Guthrie made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously.

**James Whitman, Case No. 2350**

Mr. Whitman was not present. The Department charged Mr. Whitman with one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII,1101(I). Following the penalty matrix, the charges included a penalty of \$1,000.00, with \$500.00 suspended, due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Mr. Wale admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

**Motion:** Dr. McMartin made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously.

**Clay Lauzervich, Case No. 2351**

Mr. Lauzervich was not present. The Department charged Mr. Lauzervich with one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(2) and one (1) violation of LRS 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII,

2101(A). Following the penalty matrix, the charges included a penalty of \$1,250.00, with \$625.00 suspended, due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Mr. Wale admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

*Mr. Waguespack abstained from voting.*

**Motion:** Ms. Buller made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously among remaining members.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Wofford reported that the Department has investigated 110 complaints so far this year and issued 14 warning letters. There are currently 50 inspectors working for the Department, and a full staff in the office.

*Pesticide Collection Program* – The Department was able to host collection events March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The program has allowed the Department to collect 175-tons of product since the first event. The next date is scheduled for November 2, 2021 in Crowley, LA.

Recertification meetings and testing are both back to normal schedules after a year of cancellations due to Covid-19. With help from the LSU AgCenter, the Department will be able to continue offering several virtual meetings throughout the year.

Ms. McInnis spoke to the Commission regarding upcoming online training that will cover meeting procedures and the adjudicatory process.

Mr. Wofford introduced Ms. Paeton Burkett to the Commission as the new attorney representing the Department and announced that this will be his last meeting as the Director. The Commission thanked Mr. Wofford for his work within the pesticides department and wished him well with his new position in the agency.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Rule Change Request – LAC 7:XXIII.1103 J-K*

Mr. Wofford presented a rule change request from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries concerning a herbicide application permitting program around the waters of Toledo Bend Reservoir and Lake Bistineau.

The Commission discussed the proposed rule change.

The Department recommends striking this section from the rules.

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to accept the Department’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buller and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Ingrao presented the findings of the Ad Hoc committee for the following applicant:

APPLICANT	CATEGORIES	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	COMMISSION DECISION
Josh T. Copes	4a	Approve	Approved

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve the application for Mr. Copes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously.

**FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Advisory Commission on Pesticides was scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Meador made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.