

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BLVD.
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
October 10, 2012 9:30 AM**

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Coburn at 9:30 am.

ROLL CALL

Members present: George Bragg, Wayne Ducote, Martin Floyd, Keith Majure, Johnny Landry, Garry Ross, Roby Shields. Members absent: Dr. Marcia Hardy, Billie Guthrie and Dwayne O'Brien.

Others present: David Fields, LDAF, Bobby Simoneaux, LDAF, Todd Parker, LDAF, Tabitha Gray, LDAF Executive Counsel, Lindsey Hunter, Assistant Attorney General, Mary Anderson, LDAF and Fran McVea, LDAF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ducote and passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

Dr. Coburn turned the meeting over to Lindsey Hunter, Assistant Attorney General.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

Mrs. Tabitha Gray presented the cases and the stipulations were read by Mr. Fields.

Ernest Shane Huto, Case No. 1583 – Mr. Huto stipulated to one violation and a fine of \$500.00.

Motion: Mr. Ducote made a motion to accept the stipulation as finding of fact in case No. 1583. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ducote and passed unanimously.

Kyle Spears, Case No. 1585 – Mr. Spears stipulated to one violation and a fine of \$500.00.

Motion: Mr. Shields made a motion to accept the stipulation as finding of fact in case No. 1585. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter turned the meeting back over to Chairman Coburn at 9:50 a.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Simoneaux reported that the number of complaints so far this year is about the same as last year, approximately 40. Mr. Simoneaux said that the department has

asked the inspectors to take samples of Gramoxene to make sure that the labels are being used. He also addressed rumors about inspectors conducting inspections.

Mr. Simoneaux reported on the 2012 Legislative session. There are new changes to the Pesticide Law regarding record retention. The law has been changed from two to three years. Dr. Coburn asked that this be sent to the Ag Consultants and Applicators.

Mr. Simoneaux reported on new technology being used being used by the Chemical Companies. LDAF is currently working on 2, 4D resistant crops with Dow and Dicamea resistant being developed by Monsanto and LDAF is working with this company also.

LDAF has processed only ten Section 18's so far this year and about twice as many Section 24's as last year.

The department has continued to work with EPA Office of Civil Rights and has submitted the first interim report July 31st. EPA has responded with additional questions. The next interim report is due December 31, 2012.

Mr. Fields gave an update on Structural Pest Control Commission Lawsuits. There are three active lawsuits, Willie Cripps, Terminix, and Michael Cripps.

Mr. Fields reminded the commission members of the ethics training requirements. This information was sent to each commission previously in an email.

Mr. Bragg updated the commission on the West Nile Virus situation in Louisiana.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

AG Consultant Applications

Mr. Pousson presented the Ag Consultant applications.

Motion: Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the Ag Consultant applications as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about forming an Ad Hoc for Ag Consultants. The Ad Hoc Committee would consist of a member from each of the following: LDAF, AgCenter, and Ag Consultant.

Motion: Mr. Ducote made a motion to have the Chairman of the ACP appoint the Ad Hoc committee to review the Ag Consultant Applications and give recommendation at the ACP meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FUTURE MEETING

March 27, 2013 at 9:30 am

ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Ducote made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and passed unanimously.