

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BLVD.
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

October 31, 2016 9:30 AM

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Grady Coburn at 9:35 am.

ROLL CALL

Members present: George Bragg, Keith Majure, Martin Floyd, Dr. Grady Coburn, Dr. Gary Ross, Billy Guthrie, Dr. Sharon Meyer, Jenny Buller, Scotty Meador and Roby Shields

Members absent: Johnny Landry

Others present: Todd Parker, LDAF, Kevin Wofford, LDAF, Harry Schexnayder, LDAF, Lindsey Hunter, LDAF General Counsel, Tina Perkins, LDAF

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Coburn opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve the proceedings from the July 20, 2016 ACP meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Majure and passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Chairman Coburn asked if there were any recommendations for amendments to the agenda. There were none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Wofford informed the Commission that Marty Pousson had accepted another position within LDAF and his job was now being advertised for the third time. He stated that although the department had received an adequate number of applications, the right candidate had not been found. Mr. Wofford expressed optimism that this most recent advertisement might net

candidates from in-house that would bring valuable experience to a critical position within the department.

Mr. Wofford updated the Commission on the number of drift complaints this year. He stated that the department investigated 163 complaints thus far. He stated that the total number for last year was 171. He also stated that the department had issued 35 warning letters to applicators during 2016. He reported that the department currently has 49 inspectors statewide.

Mr. Wofford also reported to the Commission that the Ag Consultant exams had now been completely revised with the assistance of staff from LSU. The exams now include digital photographs.

Mr. Meador asked Mr. Wofford if he could provide a breakdown of the drift complaints between aerial or ground rigs.

Mr. Wofford stated that he did not have a complete breakdown but offered that about 10% of drift complaints stem from ground applications.

Mr. Majure asked about the primary products causing complaints.

Mr. Wofford stated that the product causing the most complaints in 2016 was Gramoxone followed by Roundup.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Coburn asked if there were any items for discussion. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Guthrie made a motion that the Commission enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously.

The Commission met in Executive Session from 9:46 am until 11:11 am to receive a report on the analysis of the Certification/Testing program. There were no votes and no action taken by the Commission while in Executive Session.

Motion: Mr. Floyd made a motion that the Commission reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buller and passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Guthrie made a motion that the Commission allow LDAF staff to draft an emergency rule toward the end of December, after notice to industry, to require a competency test of all certified commercial applicators during 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS

Mr. Wofford presented the application and the recommendation of the Ag Consultant Exam Ad Hoc Committee for the following:

Myra Purvis- Approval for Agricultural Entomology, Agricultural Plant Pathology, Agricultural Weed Control and Agricultural Field Soil Management contingent upon the receipt of a letter of recommendation from her supervisor at the LSU AgCenter, Trey Price.

Motion: Mr. Guthrie made a motion to accept the Ag Consultant Exam Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on March 8, 2017 at 9:30 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Coburn opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

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ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Majure made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Ms. Buller and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.