



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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COMMISSIONER



MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:00 am
LDI Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Warren Byrd, Rene Free, David Marcantel, Kade Griffon, Rep. Mike Huval, Barry Milligan, Thomas Jeter, Michael Wilkerson, Sen. Kirk Talbot

Members absent: David Clements, Mike Lane

Staff present: John Ford, Kevin Smith

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Mr. Jeter moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting. Mr. Milligan seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

Mr. Ford gave the budget update.

Mr. Applewhite gave the NICB report. He discussed the low usage of bait cars and some of the problems with their use, including technical issues and outdated software. Rep. Huval asked whether the cars could be updated with LATIFPA funding so they would be more effective. Chairman Byrd asked Mr. Applewhite to contact the bait car programs to see if the equipment could be upgraded and asked him to work with Mr. Ford to develop a cost proposal for this project.

Mr. Applewhite continued the NICB report with a discussion of the LPR activity. Mr. Smith provided an update on the Ascension and Livingston parishes equipment, stating that the projects are awaiting permits from Entergy and DOTD. Chairman Byrd asked Mr. Ford to write a letter to Entergy asking for cooperation to speed up these projects and to copy DOTD on the letter. Mr. Jeter asked about the LPR reporting from Baton Rouge, and Mr. Applewhite stated that he would check in on that. Chairman Byrd asked Mr. Ford to work with Mr. Applewhite to get a status report from the New Orleans Police Department on their LPR reporting. Chairman Byrd also asked for updates from Northwestern State University, Southeastern, University of Louisiana at Lafayette/Lafayette Sheriff's Office, and University of Louisiana at Monroe on their LPR usage.



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Mr. Smith provided an update on the Educational and Community outreach programs. He reported no new activity since the last board meeting due to COVID-19 but mentioned that Zoom is being examined as a potential option.

New Business: The Houma Police Department and the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office both submitted applications for mobile LPR systems, and the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office submitted an application for funds to repair three LPR cameras. Representatives from Houma and Plaquemines spoke during the meeting in support of their applications. Mr. Smith explained that the Lafayette repair application was for a new, relatively inexpensive repair technique that could be utilized in the future if successful.

After board review and discussion of the applications, Rep. Huval moved to approve the Houma application. Ms. Free seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Jeter moved to approve the Plaquemines application. Mr. Marcantel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Sen. Talbot moved to approve the Lafayette application. Mr. Milligan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, Mr. Jeter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Milligan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.