



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA AUTOMOBILE THEFT & INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

10:00 am

LDI Hearing Room
1702 North Third Street, Poydras Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Members present: Renée Free, Rep. Mike Huval, Thomas Jeter, Barry Milligan,
Nathan Strebeck (Chairman), Chris Styron, Natalie Brunson-Wheeler,
Lt. Michael Wilkerson

Members absent: David Clements, David Marcantel, Sen. Kirk Talbot

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

Call to Order:

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

Old Business:

Approval of August 12, 2022 Minutes: Mr. Thomas Jeter moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2022 meeting. Ms. Natalie Brunson-Wheeler seconded the motion. After allowing for public comment, of which there was none, the minutes were approved without objection.

New Business:

Ms. Stutes gave a brief introduction of our new board member, Mr. Nathan Strebeck, who is the Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Insurance Fraud at the LA Department of Insurance.

Budget Report (attached): Ms. Crystal Stutes reviewed the LATIFPA Budget Plan for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year updated as of 011/3/22.

Once projected expenditures are complete, we will have spent \$221,960 out of our \$227,000 budget authority, which leaves us with \$5,040. This would leave us with \$157,143.34 in the "cash carryover account" for the next fiscal year.



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Ms. Stutes suggested increasing the media budget from \$60,000 to \$70,000 in order to increase awareness through television and radio ads about the dangers of theft and fraud during the holiday season.

The members agreed. After some discussion, Representative Huval moved to increase the media budget to \$70,000. Ms. Free seconded the motion. A vote was taken and with all in favor and no objection, the motion passed and the new media budget will be \$70,000.

New Grant Applications – The board then heard from three applicants for license plate recognition systems.

The first applicant was Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office; After their presentation, Rep. Huval moved to approve the application and Mr. Mulligan seconded. With no opposition, the grant application was approved.

The second applicant was St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office; After Major Lance Guidroz's presentation, Rep. Huval moved to approve the application and Ms. Free seconded. With no opposition, the grant application was approved.

The third applicant was Jeanerette Marshall's Office; After Chief Deputy Walter Kimball's presentation, Rep. Huval moved to approve the application and Ms. Wheeler seconded. With no opposition, the grant application was approved.

The fourth applicant, Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, was unable to attend so their application was not reviewed.

LPR Installations and Operation Updates - Mr. Kevin Smith gave an update on the installation and operation of various cameras that were in operation under our grants. He advised that State Police and the LDI were still awaiting final review of several new cameras that were being tested for use as LPRs.

Mr. Smith then welcomed Sgt. Jonathan Kemp with the LA State Police, who gave an update on their review of license plate recognition cameras. He mentioned that a decision had not been made yet.

Mr. Allen Applewhite then gave the NICB report on the statistics submitted by the LPR grantees.

Marketing and External Affairs – School/Community Events Update: Mr. Smith provided an update on LATIFPA community events (see attached).

The next LATIFPA meeting will be announced later but is expected to be held in January.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.