

**LOUISIANA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium – VIA ZOOM
5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA
May 19, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Todd Parker at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Todd Parker, Michael Salassi, Dr. Michael Stout, Jeremy Clark, and Jeff Porter.

Members absent: Frank Caluda, Matthew Kimbrough, & Gordon Melerin

Others present: Dr. Ansel Rankins – LDAF, Harry Schexnayder, LDAF, Kelly Moore – LDAF, Paeton Burkett – LDAF, Shelly Graham– LDAF, and Dr. Qian 'Karen' Sun - LSU.

INTRODUCTION OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All members present were introduced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Dr. Michael Stout made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2019, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeremy Clark and passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

BUSINESS

LSU Program of Structural Pest Control Research – Dr. Qian 'Karen' Sun

Dr. Sun, Assistant Professor of Urban Entomology at the LSU AgCenter presented the structural pest control research her and her staff have been working on over the last year related to Formosan termite biology and behavior. Chemical communication and environmental adaptation as it related to the termite colony functions were the main research topics discussed.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Porter made a motion to recommend renewal and approval of the contract and funding of \$50,000 for Structural Pest Control research through LSU AgCenter, presented by Dr. Sun. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeremy Clark and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Jeff Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Stout and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.