

**TENTATIVE MINUTES (PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL)**

**MEETING OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2025, 9:00 A.M.**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
5825 FLORIDA BOULEVARD  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806**

NOTE: THESE ARE TENTATIVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES. A FINAL VERSION OF THESE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Guthrie at 9:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Mr. Jason Starns.

Members present: Mr. Billy Guthrie, Dr. Blaine Viator, Mr. Lyndon Leonards, and Mr. Joe Ingrao

Members absent: Mr. Brian Gueltig

A quorum was present.

Others present: Dr. Ansel Rankins – LDAF, Ashley LaBorde – LDAF, Ryan Hackett – LDAF, Scotty Meador and Jason Starns – LDAF.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion:** Dr. Blaine Viator made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Joe Ingrao introduced the applications for Robert Fortenberry, Category 4a, Agriculture Field Soil Management; John Rivet, Category 3a, Agricultural Weed Control; James Thurman, Category 1a, Agricultural Entomology and Category 4a, Agriculture Field Soil Management; and Logan Vallee, Category 2a, Agricultural Plant Pathology. The applications were discussed by the committee.

**Motion:** Mr. Lyndon Leonards made a motion to recommend approval of all applicants to test in all categories requested. The motion was seconded by Dr. Blaine Viator and passed unanimously.



**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Joe Ingrao made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyndon Leonards and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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Chairman Signature

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Printed Name