

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
5825 FLORIDA BLVD.  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
October 20, 2021 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order by Dr. Coburn at 9:31 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Dr. Grady Coburn, George Bragg, Dr. Kenneth McMartin, Jenny Buller, Scotty Meador, Johnny Landry, and Billy Guthrie.

Members absent: Ryan Waguespack and Roby Shields.

Others present: Harry Schexnayder-LDAF; Kiara Moore-LDAF; Paeton Burkett-LDAF Counsel; Amy McInnis-LDAF Counsel; Baleigh Olah-LDAF Counsel; Kelly Moore-LDAF; Joe Ingrao-LDAF; Dr. Ansel Rankins-LDAF; Shelly Graham-LDAF; Alicia Wheeler-Hearing Officer; Kim Pope-Brown-LSU AgCenter; and Ronnie Mulberry-LDAF.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

**Motion:** Mr. Guthrie made a motion to include Braxton Batte's consultant application under agenda item X. Consideration of Ag Consultant Exam Application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragg and passed unanimously.

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

Ms. Alicia Wheeler, Hearing Officer, conducted the Adjudicatory Hearing. Ms. Burkett presented the following cases:

**Calvin Thompson, Jr., Case No. 2376**

Ms. Burkett requested this matter be continued. Ms. Wheeler granted the request.

## **Duston Bailey, Case No. 2372**

Mr. Bailey was not present. The Department charged Mr. Bailey with three (3) violations of LRS 3:3252(A)(18), specifically LAC 7:XXIII.1101(I). Following the penalty matrix, the charge included a penalty of \$1,500.00, with \$750.00 suspended, due within 30 days. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

Ms. Wheeler admitted LDAF's exhibits into the record.

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to accept the stipulation of the parties as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. McMartin and passed unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Schexnayder reported that the Department has investigated 150 complaints so far this year, and although it has been a challenging year; pesticide enforcement numbers are on track with previous years.

*Pesticide Collection Program* – The program continues to be a success. The next event is scheduled for November 2, 2021 in Crowley, LA and the Department is expecting to collect over 100-tons of product at that event. Planning is currently underway for more events in 2022 with plans to include a site in the Kentwood area.

Mr. Schexnayder announced that Ms. Kim Pope-Brown with the LSU AgCenter has accepted a new position in Tennessee. The Commission and the Department thanked Ms. Brown for her dedication and hard work to advance pesticide education in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Schexnayder also discussed changes to district offices. The Department is currently working through the process and will send out information when all the details are finalized.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Appointment of New Positions***

**Motion:** Mr. Bragg made a motion to accept the Commissioner's appointment of Harry Schexnayder as the Director of the Advisory Commission on Pesticides. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously.

### ***Waiver Discussion***

Mr. Schexnayder made the Commission aware of concerns received from a commercial applicator regarding waivers for the application of products on the restricted list while private applicators are not required to obtain waivers when applying these same products.

The Commission discussed the importance of the waivers to protect sensitive crops across the state.

**CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Ingrao presented the findings of the Ad Hoc committee for the following applicants:

APPLICANT	CATEGORIES	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	COMMISSION DECISION
Nicholas J. Daigle	1a	Approve	Approved
Samuel Edward Fontenot	1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a	Approve	Approved
Braxton Batte	1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a	Approve	Approved

**Motion:** Dr. McMartin made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve all applicants. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buller and passed unanimously.

**FUTURE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Advisory Commission on Pesticides was scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Dr. McMartin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meador and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.