

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

**JANUARY 26, 2024, 9:00 A.M.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Harry Schexnayder at 9:13 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Dr. Blaine Viator, Harry Schexnayder, Joe Ingrao, and Brian Gueltig

Members absent: Billy Guthrie

A quorum was present.

Others present: George Bragg, Floyd Fowler, Roby Shields, Richard Costello, Dr. Ansel Rankins – LDAF, Tabitha Irvin – LDAF Executive Counsel, Lebra Bias – LDAF Attorney, Ashley LaBorde – LDAF, and Jason Starns – LDAF.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Joe Ingrao moved to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Blaine Viator and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF AG CONSULTANT EXAM APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Joe Ingrao introduced the application for James Noah Harper to the committee. Mr. Harper is seeking approval in Category 1a, Agricultural Entomology, 2a, Agricultural Plant Pathology, 3a, Agricultural Weed Control, and 4a, Agriculture Field Soil Management. The application was discussed by the committee.

**Motion:** Mr. Joe Ingrao moved to recommend approval of James Noah Harper to test in all categories requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Gueltig and passed unanimously.

Mr. Joe Ingrao introduced the application for Logan Vallee to the committee. Mr. Vallee is seeking approval in Category 1a, Agricultural Entomology, and 4a, Agriculture Field Soil Management. The application was discussed by the committee.

**Motion:** Dr. Blaine Viator moved to recommend approval of Logan Vallee to test in all categories requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Ingrao and passed unanimously.

Mr. Joe Ingrao introduced the application for Matthew Indest to the committee. Mr. Indest is seeking approval in Category 1a, Agricultural Entomology, 2a, Agricultural Plant Pathology, 3a, Agricultural Weed Control, 4a, Agriculture Field Soil Management, and 4b, Agricultural Soil, Water & Tissue Analysis. The application was discussed by the committee.

**Motion:** Dr. Blaine Viator moved to deny approval of Matthew Indest to test in all categories requested pending additional information: 1) college transcript including course descriptions 2) verification of work experience under an Ag Consultant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan Gueltig and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Dr. Blaine Viator moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harry Schexnayder and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.