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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, MAY 11, 2022**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.**

**Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman, called the meeting to order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call was as follows:**

**Philip Bankston – present**

**Erin Horzelski – absent**

**Deek DeBlieux – present**

**Ricky Mannino - absent**

**Debbie Edwards – absent**

**Jimmy Wolfe – present**

**James Harper - present**

**Also Present: Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the March 9th meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent.**

**Review Financial Statement**

**Erin Horzelski is now in attendance**

**Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report for through April 2022.**

**Mr. Bankston made a motion to accept the financial report into record. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passed.**

**Adopt Official Journal**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the proposal from the Daily Star to serve as the district’s official journal. Mr. Bankston seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passed.**

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**Adopt the Millage Rate for 2022**

Ms. Vining read the Resolution aloud to set the millage for the 2022 tax year at 4.98 mills. Mr. Bankston made a motion to adopt the resolution as read and set the millage for the 2022 tax year at 4.98 mills. Ms. Horselski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passed.

**Assistant Director’s Report**

Ms. Colona provided her report. Trap surveillance began March 24th and night spraying began March 28th. There have been massive amounts of mosquito activity since March, which is typical this time of the year. Therefore, we have conducted four aerial spray missions to date. As of May 6th, there have been no positives for West Nile virus out of 261 tested mosquito pool samples at LSU and 23 mosquito pool samples tested in house at the District. Upcoming events are: The District will be hosting the Tangipahoa Chamber After Hours on Thursday, May 12th, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the District office. National Mosquito Control Awareness week is June 19th – 25th.

**Director’s Report**

Mr. Walette provided his report.

Due to high mosquito counts in the southern portion of the District, there will be an aerial spray mission tonight.

Phil Hebert, CPA will be conducting the District’s annual audit.

At the end of March, several employees participated in the drone training given by Frontier Precision technicians at the District office. Ms. Colona recently passed the Part 107 exam and has received certification to fly the drone. The remainder of the employees will be taking the exam soon.

After being scheduled over two years ago and rescheduled due to COVID, the District will be hosting the Tangipahoa Chamber After Hours on Thursday, May 12th, at the District office from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Frank DiVittorio is now in attendance.

**Discuss Building a Hangar**

At the previous request of the Board, Mr. Walette provided the commissioners with a floorplan and 3D rendering from Tom Pistorius, architect. After discussion, the commissioners requested Mr. Walette to gather specific additional information to present at the next scheduled board meeting.

**Authorize Engaging an Architect for Hangar Project**

No action. Deferred until next meeting.

**Review Commissioner Appointment Terms**

Mr. Walette reviewed each commissioner’s term. Mr. DeBlieux’s term will expire at the end of June. The Parish Council approved the appointment of Mr. Charlie Ciolino made by Councilman Vial, District 8, to fill the upcoming vacancy.

On a personal note, Mr. Walette expressed his thanks to Mr. Mr. DeBlieux for his six years of service to the District. Mr. Wolfe, also on a personal note, expressed his thanks for all of the help and guidance that Mr. DeBlieux has given him.

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**Mr. DeBlieux expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve the District and said it has been his honor to be a commissioner for the past six years.**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent.**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman**

**/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary**

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