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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 28, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:42 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Deek DeBlieux – present

Debbie Edwards – present

Erin Horzelski – present

Ricky Mannino - present

Sunny Ryerson – absent

Bill Wheat - absent

Jimmy Wolfe – present

Also Present: Frank DiVittorio, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, Cheri Vining and public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mannino made a motion to accept the October 14th virtual meeting minutes. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to accept the December 17th meeting minutes. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to accept the February 10th virtual meeting minutes. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Review Financial Report

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report for January 1st through March 31st, 2021.

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

Discuss and Approve Cost of Living Adjustment

Mr. Walette reviewed the handout presented to the commissioners. It has been three years since the last cost of living increase. Mr. Walette made a recommendation for the board to approve a COLA that is commensurate with the published Social Security Administration adjustments from the last three years. Ms. Edwards made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented to become effective with the next pay period beginning 5/2/2021. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

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Adopt Adjustments to Budget

Mr. Walette reviewed the adjustments that are needed with the Board.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to adopt the adjustments to the 2021 budget as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Approve Director's Performance Appraisal

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to approve the Director's performance appraisal as given. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Approve Vehicle Purchase

Mr. Mannino made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Director's Report – Mr. Walette provided his report.

The new software control systems have been installed and employees have received training.

Currently, the District airplane is not available for aerial missions. We are working to resolve these issues.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to move forward with a co-operative endeavor for aerial spraying with other mosquito abatement districts. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

In media news, our District and resistance management program was featured in an industry article.

Assistant Director's Report- Ms. Colona provided her report.

Surveillance trap runs began on March 9th. Due to cooler and rainier weather in March the trap counts were low, but there has been a significant increase in April.

We have begun a new method bait method in our CDC traps by using small CO2 bottles rather than using the dry ice. It is just as effective in attracting the mosquitoes and more cost effective.

As of April 23rd, there have been no positive mosquito pools out of the 197 that were tested. Four LAMP tests were performed in our lab with no positives.

Nightly spraying began on March 29th.

Our quarterly safety meeting was on fire prevention and safety.

All night drivers have completed their ethics and harassment training.

Ms. Colona attended the Insecticide resistance committee meeting and the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association Board meeting which were held virtually.

All employees attended the American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting which was held virtually.

Authorize Conference Travel

Mr. Walette has been invited to speak at the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association meeting and the Florida Mosquito Control Association meeting this fall.

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Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to approve Mr. Walette's travel as discussed. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

Discussion of Hanger

A committee is not necessary. Information will be gathered and discussed at a future meeting. Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to dissolve the airport hanger committee. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wheat absent.

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

ATTEST:

**Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

**Ricky Mannino, Secretary
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

**Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**