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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference due to State Stay at Home mandates due to COVID-19.

Deek DeBlieux, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll call was as follows:

Deek DeBlieux – present

Debbie Edwards – absent

Cecilia Giannobile – present

Ricky Mannino - absent

Sunny Ryerson – present

Bill Wheat - absent

Jimmy Wolfe – present

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

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to accept the April 8th meeting minutes. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards, Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent.

**Discuss Reassessment and Millage for 2020**

Mr. Walette reviewed the reassessment value of the District to us from Tangipahoa Parish Assessor's office and the options for setting the 2020 millage.

**Adopt the Millage Rate**

Ms. Vining read the Resolution aloud to set the millage for the 2020 tax year at 4.98 mills.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adopt the resolution as read and set the millage for the 2020 tax year at 4.98 mills. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards, Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

**Assistant Director's Report** – Ms. Colona provided her report.

Due to warmer and more rainy weather the trap counts overall are higher than this time last year. To date, 330 mosquito pool samples have been tested with no positives. Using LAMP testing, 113 samples have been tested compared to 53 samples tested at this time last year. Ms. Colona has also been working with the Director on our new website, which is now complete. She will continue to monitor the health and safety practices of all employees and conduct our District Safety Meeting next week.

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**Director's Report** – Mr. Walette began his report by reviewing the District's financial statement.

**COVID-19 update** – We are currently operating under the Phase II state guidelines. The front door to the office is still locked and the office is closed to the public. Any visitor or delivery personnel to the office is required to wear a mask to enter the building. All administration personnel are back working in their offices. Employees within the office and shop areas are practicing social distancing. Inspectors are going directly into service from their homes without coming into the office building.

The annual compilation and audit are now underway.

We are planning several aerial spray missions next week in anticipation of high populations of mosquitoes due to Tropical Storm Christobal.

Mr. Walette has also been participating in various LMCA and AMCA video meetings as well as reviewing and editing information for the new District website.

The District plans to conduct a larviciding field trial with Adapco, hopefully within a couple of months.

**Review New District Website**

Mr. Walette led everyone on a virtual tour of the new website.

Debbie Edwards is now in attendance.

**Authorize Purchase of Replacement BTI Truck**

A District vehicle, 2015 Ford F350 with a service body, blew an engine. Mr. Walette presented the facts and costs associated with replacing the engine versus purchasing a new one from the state contract. His recommendation was to purchase the new truck, which would have a new warranty, rather than spending so much on a truck that is already 5 years old.

Ms. Edwards made a motion to authorize the Director to purchase a new truck. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

**Authorize Transfer of Funds for Replacement Truck**

Mr. Walette made a recommendation to transfer \$20,000 from the Cash Reserves category to the Capital Expenditure Vehicle category.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from the Cash Reserves category to the Capital Expenditure Vehicle category to purchase the truck. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

**Declare Items as Surplus**

Mr. Walette presented a list of items, including the one vehicle previously mentioned, that they be declared as surplus.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to declare these items as surplus. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

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**Authorize Selling of Surplus Items**

**Mr. Walette made a recommendation to auction these vehicles through GovDeals. Ms. Edwards made a motion authorizing the selling of the items through GovDeals. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.**

**Authorize Director to Attend FMCA Annual Meeting**

**Ms. Ryerson made a motion to authorize the Director to attend the FMCA Annual Meeting later this year. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.**

**Adopt Official Journal**

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

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Deek DeBlieux, Chairman  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

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**Debbie Edwards, Secretary  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

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