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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference due to due to COVID-19.

Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

Deek DeBlieux – present
Debbie Edwards – absent
Ricky Mannino - present

Sunny Ryerson – present
Bill Wheat - absent
Jimmy Wolfe – present

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

Approve 2021 Chemical Bid Award

Mr. Walette reviewed the 2021 Chemical Bid Summary with the Board which included his recommendations for award.

Debbie Edwards is now in attendance.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to approve the chemical bid awards as presented. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – abstain, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Wheat – absent. Motion passes.

Approve Employee Step Raises for 2021 – Mr. Walette informed the Board that the yearly performance appraisal evaluations had been completed for all full-time employees of the District. Mr. Walette recommended step raises for the eligible employees receiving ratings of satisfactory or above in 2021 after their anniversary date.

Ms. Edwards made a motion to approve the 2021 step raises as recommended by Mr. Walette. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Wheat – absent. Motion passes.

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

The spray season has concluded for 2020. Groundwork for updating ground and aerial spray system controllers has begun.

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association was held virtually this week. All staff attended.

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As Vice President of the American Mosquito Control Association, Mr. Walette attended the Interim Board Meeting in November. He is currently involved in putting together the meeting program for 2021 which will be held virtually.

The Leadership Tangipahoa group visited the District office October 20th.

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

Trap runs have been concluded for this season.

We submitted a total of 2,183 mosquito samples to LSU for testing compared to 2,139 for last year. There were 33 mosquito pools that tested positive for West Nile Virus compared to 7 mosquito pools testing positive last year.

In house LAMP testing totaled 286 samples with 5 samples testing positive for West Nile Virus compared to 149 samples with no positives last year.

Ms. Colona gave a program update presentation of our District for the virtual LMCA Annual Meeting.

Ms. Colona conducted our quarterly District Safety Meeting which included handling materials safely.

Review Financial Report

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report through November 30th, 2020.

Set 2021 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Edwards made a motion to adopt the 2021 Meeting Schedule as presented. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Wheat absent.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Wheat absent.

ATTEST:

/s/Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman

/s/Ricky Mannino, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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