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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM Teleconference 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 – absent

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

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

Review Financial Report

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report for January 2021.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the financial report into record. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent.

Director's Report

Mr. Walette provided his report.

The District airplane is in Houma for its annual inspection. The avionics shop there will install the new spray system upon completion of the annual inspection. Once the plane is back, the pilots will receive training on the new system. The office staff will receive training on the GIS system and mission design.

New spray controllers for the spray trucks should arrive this week. MCES will be coming to the District to do the installation. Training sessions for all drivers will be held the week after the installation is complete.

There is still a commissioner vacancy. No news of an appointment from District 7.

Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Colona provided her report.

At this time of the year, inventory has been taken on lab, field, and testing supplies and orders have been placed for the 2021 season.

The new LMCA training manual is now available. Ms. Colona served on the LMCA committee to update and revise the manual.

An employee portal has been completed on the TMAD website for ethics/harassment training for all employees. All daytime staff have completed this training for 2021.

Current plans are to begin ground spraying/traps around the end of February – early March (weather permitting).

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Following the COVID-19 requirements for public meetings, the next two items on the agenda require a 2/3's vote to approve rather than a simple majority.

Approval of Extended Sick Leave

Mr. Walette informed the Board that one employee will be exhausting their sick/vacation leave shortly due to ongoing illness, that now requires surgery and time off for recovery. Mr. Walette reviewed the District extended sick leave policy with the Board and made a recommendation to grant the employee 15 days of extended sick leave once all accrued sick and vacation time has been exhausted due to this surgery.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the Director's recommendation. Ms. Ryerson seconded them motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passed.

Appoint Hangar Feasibility Committee

Chairman, Jimmy Wolfe, discussed appointing a committee to study the feasibility of building a hangar versus continued renting.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to appoint a feasibility committee to be led by Jimmy Wolfe. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Mannino absent.

Required Training for Employees and Commissioners

- a. Ethics
- b. Preventing Sexual Harassment

Mr. Walette provided a tutorial of the new employee login on the District website for employees and commissioners to complete their required training.

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

ATTEST:

Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1

Ricky Mannino, Secretary
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Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
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