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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 20, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Deek DeBlieux, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Deek DeBlieux – present	Sunny Ryerson – present
Debbie Edwards – present	Bill Wheat - present
Cecilia Giannobile – absent	Jimmy Wolfe - present
Ricky Mannino – absent	

Also Present: Frank DiVittorio, Dennis Walette, and Cheri Vining

Discussion of current situation regarding COVID-19 - Mr. Walette provided an update on the current operations of the District and its employees.

Ricky Mannino is now in attendance.

Mr. Walette stated that he felt the service the District provides to the community was an essential service, even though it is not specifically outlined as such in the governor’s proclamation of essential businesses and services that are to remain open at this time.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to add an item to the agenda for the Board to take a vote to make Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District operations an essential service to the community. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Giannobile absent.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to seek essential services status through the appropriate personal with the parish and the state. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Giannobile absent.

Review provisions of the emergency paid sick leave act – Mr. Walette reviewed President Trump’s order.

Review Sick Leave Policy as it relates to COVID-19 – No action taken. Board agreed this was not necessary to discuss because of President Trump’s order.

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Adopt provisions for emergency closures in the Personnel Manual – Mr. Walette presented a proposed change to the current wording for the District’s Inclement Weather policy to include provisions for emergency closures if so ordered by Parish, State, or Federal officials.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adopt the proposed changes as presented. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – nay, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Mannino – nay, Ms. Ryerson – nay, Mr. Wheat – nay, Mr. Wolfe – nay; Ms. Giannobile absent. Motion failed. No further action taken.

Adopt pay policy for emergency closures – No action taken.

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

ATTEST:

**/s/Deek DeBlieux, Chairman
/s/Debbie Edwards, Secretary
/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**