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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Bill Wheat, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present

Pete Jones – absent

Deek DeBlieux – present

Sunny Ryerson - present

Cecilia Giannobile – present

Bill Wheat – present

Philip Graziano Jr. - present

Also Present: Debbie Edwards, Douglas Curet, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the December 12th meeting minutes. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Jones absent.

Program Update – Mr. Walette provided the report.

The transition to our new fiscal agent is nearing completion.

The annual inspection for the airplane is in progress.

Pilot contracts for 2019 have been signed.

Open job position – interviews are taking place this week. A decision should be made by the end of next week.

After serving 10 years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association, Mr. Walette did not seek reappointment. The Louisiana Mosquito Control Association office will now be housed at the Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District.

Generator – Mr. Walette presented the quotes received. After discussion, the Board requested Mr. Walette to seek additional quotes to present to the Board at the April meeting.

Several vendors have contacted Mr. Walette to ask if the District would test their new products. After researching the product information, the District will be conducting tests with some of the products this season.

The American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting will be February 25th – March 1st.

Board of Commissioner appointments – Mr. DeBlieux and Ms. Giannobile's term will expire at the end of June. They are eligible for reappointment. Mr. Caliva, Mr. Graziano, and Mr. Jones' term expire at the end of June, but they have reached term limits and will have to be replaced.

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report for 2018 and January – February 2019.

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Colby Colona provided the surveillance report. The District plans to begin trap placement the second or third week of March, but this will also depend on the weather. During the winter months, Ms. Colona has been conducting educational presentations at some of the local schools.

Award Chemical Contracts For 2019 – The Board was given a summary of the bids received for 2019. Mr. Walette discussed and presented his recommendations to the Board. Mr. Graziano made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Jones absent. Motion passed.

Revise Vehicle Use Policy – Board discussion.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion for the Assistant Director to receive a \$400 car allowance in lieu of a District vehicle. After further discussion, Mr. DeBlieux rescinded the motion. The Board tabled this discussion until the April meeting when they will bring some specific recommendations to the meeting.

Approve Vehicle Purchases – Mr. Walette discussed the long-range plans for each District vehicle, with some vehicles to be eliminated this year, and some to be replaced due to age and/or mileage. Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the recommendations as stated. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – nay, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Jones absent. Motion passed.

Personnel – Mr. Graziano and Mr. DeBlieux will prepare Mr. Walette’s annual performance evaluation prior to the April meeting.

Ethics Training – Most Commissioners have completed the Ethics training. Those who have not yet completed the training were requested to do so before the April meeting.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Bill Wheat, Chairman

/s/Pete Jones, Ad Hoc Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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