

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Larry 'Pete' Jones, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present	Pete Jones – present
Chris Chappell – absent	Sunny Ryerson - absent
Philip Graziano Jr. - present	Bill Wheat – present
Nell Harper -absent	

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

Ms. Ryerson is now in attendance.

Mr. Wheat made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 13th. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell and Ms. Harper absent.

Millage Renewal – This year is a reassessment value year. Mr. Walette reviewed the process for advertising and adopting this year's millage.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to proceed with the advertisement requirements to roll forward to set the 2016 millage at 5 mils. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion.

Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Chappell and Ms. Harper absent. Motion passed.

Program Update – Mr. Walette provided his report.

Rosa Dunn, of KSLU radio, recently interviewed Mr. Walette.

Zika update – There have been 618 cases in the U. S. – none were acquired in the U. S. – all were travel related. The host mosquito – *Aedes Aegypti* – is not prominent in our area, but extra traps and different type traps have been set within the District in an effort to stay on top of surveillance for that species of mosquito.

We have not had any positive mosquito pools for West Nile Virus.

The transponder has been replaced on the District plane. The altitude encoder needs replacement. The aircraft will be ferried to New Orleans for this work when the part has been received.

The District's financial statement was reviewed.

Commissioner appointments – Mr. Jones has contacted Councilman Bobby Cortez to add the commissioner appointments to the Parish Council Meeting agenda. The mayors of Hammond and Ponchatoula will be contacted to make certain their reappointments are in order.

Personnel Handbook – Mr. Jones requested the Commissioners review the handbook before the next scheduled meeting. At that time suggestions can be presented and discussed.

**Discussion of the evaluation process for the Director and all employees.**

**Aircraft Procedures/Insurance – Aviation coverage was reviewed. By request of the Board, Mr. Walette will obtain pricing/proposal for increased insurance limits to present at the next meeting.**

**Building plans – The Board would like to have the architect prepare a bid packet on the updated plans for the building addition.**

**Mr. Wheat made a motion to approve sending the project out for bid pending the approval of the bid packet by the building committee. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Chappell and Ms. Harper absent. Motion passed.**

**Official Journal - Mr. Walette stated that only one proposal was received for official journal of the District. Ms. Ryerson made a motion to accept The Daily Star as the official journal of the District, under the same terms as last year, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Chappell and Ms. Harper absent. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell and Ms. Harper absent.**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Larry ‘Pete’ Jones, Chairman**

**/s/Philip Graziano, Secretary**

**/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary**

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