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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Bill Wheat called the hearing for the 2019 Budget to order.

**Commissioners in attendance – Bruce Caliva, Deek DeBlieux, Philip Graziano Jr., Pete Jones, Sunny Ryerson, Adrian Wells and Bill Wheat
Also present - Douglas Curet, Debbie Edwards, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, Chris Fayette, Guy Savastano, and Rebecca Spano.**

There was no public in attendance.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, as there was no public in attendance. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Carried.

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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Bill Wheat called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present	Sunny Ryerson – present
Deek DeBlieux – present	Adrian Wells - present
Philip Graziano Jr. - present	Bill Wheat – present
Pete Jones - present	

Also Present: Douglas Curet, Debbie Edwards, Tony Michelli, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, Chris Fayette, Guy Savastano, and Rebecca Spano.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 8th. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Approve Pilot Policy for Aerial Operations – Board discussion to address the issue of aerial missions performed with two pilots versus one pilot and one spotter. Mr. Jones had requested Tony Michelli, retired pilot, to provide his personal experience and opinion. His

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opinion is it is better to have two pilots rather than one pilot and one spotter. Discussion of commercial pilot license, multi-engine ag-certification license and certified aerial applicator license.

Mr. Jones made a motion that the crew for all application flights must consist of two licensed pilots, both of whom must have a multi-engine rating and the pilot in command must be a certified aerial applicator. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call votes as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – nay, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passes.

Public Comment – None.

Program Update – Ms. Colona provided the surveillance report. Of 1,969 mosquito pools submitted for testing this year, the District has had 59 positive pools for WNV and 1 positive pool for EEE. There has been one human case outside of the District but within Tangipahoa parish. For the state of Louisiana there have been nearly 1100 positive mosquito pools to date, with 87 total human cases through September.

Mr. Walette provided his report. Five aerial spray missions have been conducted since the last board meeting on August 8th. Two missions are currently scheduled for this week. The Leadership Tangipahoa group visited the District office September 18th. Dennis Walette and Colby Colona have completed the Master Vector Borne Disease Management certification training course. The LMCA annual meeting will be held in Lafayette, LA, December 4th – 6th. Mr. Walette will be a guest lecturer at a biology class at Southeastern Louisiana University on Wednesday, November 7th.

Approve Fiscal Agent Contract – Mr. Walette reviewed the bids received with the Board. Initially the Director's recommendation was to accept the bid from First Guaranty Bank. Our current fiscal agent, Florida Parishes Bank, called and offered to match the bid from First Guaranty Bank. Upon checking with the Louisiana Legislator Auditors office, because the proposal was not based on one thing, the proposal can be negotiated. The only obligation the District has is to do what is best for the District. Discussion from the Board and Advisory council that it is not fair for any institution to come in after the bids have been received and offer to match the best bid.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to stay at Florida Parishes Bank and accept their revised proposal. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – nay, Mr. Graziano – nay, Mr. Jones – nay, Ms. Ryerson – nay, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - abstain. Motion fails.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the proposal from First Guaranty Bank as submitted. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – nay, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – nay, and Mr. Wheat - abstain. Motion passed.

Adopt Employee Cost of Living Adjustment – The last COLA adjustment for the District was a 3% increase made in 2015. The Board discussed history guidelines of COLA. COLA

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would be revisited every three years with no guarantee of an increase. Any increase made would be across the board for all employees.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion for a cost of living increase of 3% to be made. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the previous motion to include the effective date would be January 1, 2019 for the policy of the 3% cost of living increase. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. Roll call vote for the amendment to the motion as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion carries.

Roll call vote for the amended motion as follows: Mr. Caliva – nay, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – nay, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion carries.

Adopt pay adjustment for lead driver – Mr. Walette reviewed with the Board the description and duties of lead driver which is assigned for a specific shift. Discussion by the commissioners.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to accept the proposal for a one dollar per hour increase to current rate of pay for employee assigned as lead driver. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Board discussion followed.

Mr. Caliva withdrew his motion.

Mr. Graziano made a motion to accept the proposal with the amended verbiage for a one dollar per hour increase to current rate of pay for employee assigned as lead driver.

Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passed.

Adopt Pilot Professional Services Agreement for 2019 – Mr. Walette presented two professional services agreements for pilots. The agreement for pilots without ag certification will be paid at the rate of \$90 an hour during application flights. The agreement for pilots with ag certification will be paid at the rate of \$120 an hour during application flights.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to accept both professional services agreements as presented.

Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passed.

Revise Vehicle Use Policy - Discussion of how many vehicles needed by the District and how they are used. Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to table the vehicle discussion. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays. Mr. Walette was asked to provide the age, mileage, and use of each vehicle for the Board to review.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #1801 – The budget did not include the 3% increase that the Board approved at this meeting for 2019. The Board called a five-minute recess for Mr. Walette to calculate the new budget with the increase included.

The meeting reconvened and the updated budget for 2019 was distributed to the Board.

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Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #1801 as stated. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Mr. Jones stated the budget can be approved with the stipulation

that no vehicles will be purchased without Board approval and not until the vehicle use policy has been revised. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #1802 as stated. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passed.

AMCA Annual Meeting – The meeting will be held in Orlando, FL, February 25th – March 1st, 2019. For commissioners to be eligible to attend, they must have attended at least 75% of all board meetings the previous year.

Chairman Wheat called the meeting into executive session to discuss the agenda item – revise sick leave policy. Ms. Ryerson was appointed to take minutes during this time.

The meeting reconvened from executive session.

Revise Sick Leave Policy – Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to grant the request and grandfather employees hired prior to June 13, 2018 and allow them the benefit which was previously in place of paying them for their accumulated sick leave (up to the amount of sick leave they had accrued as of June 13, 2018 and at the employee’s current rate of pay on June 13, 2018) upon retirement. Any additional sick leave accrued after June 13, 2018 will be applied to the new sick leave policy. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wells – yea, and Mr. Wheat - yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

ATTEST:

/s/Bill Wheat, Chairman

/s/Sunny Ryerson, Secretary

/s/Colby Colona, Ad Hoc Recording Secretary

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