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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 8, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference due to State Stay at Home mandates due to COVID-19.

Deek DeBlieux, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

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

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

Mr. Mannino made a motion to accept the February 12th meeting minutes. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to accept the March 20th special meeting minutes. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Review Financial Report

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report through April 7th, 2020.

Approve Director’s Performance Appraisal

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the Director’s performance appraisal as presented. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Director’s Report – Mr. Walette provided his report.

COVID-19 update – We are currently unable to schedule any aerial applications due to the cockpit being too confined for appropriate distancing. Masks are not a viable option because they would interfere with the pilots’ ability to use the radio. The front door to the office is locked and the office is closed to the public. Service requests have been temporarily suspended. Inspectors are going directly into service from their homes without coming into the office building. Some staff, who can remotely access their computers, are working from home, but come into the office to perform certain duties as needed.

The Chamber After Hours has been postponed to a later date, which has yet to be determined.

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We are working on entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District to perform some aerial applications. Larvicide operations continue daily as do the nightly spraying operations. The District has received 5 drums of adulticide through a state grant. There was a delay in delivery of an adulticide order. The manufacturer provided us with 4 complimentary drums to hold us until the order was ready. No new progress on the website or the mass notification start up.

Assistant Director's Report – Ms. Colona provided her report.

Trap runs began on February 18th and night spraying began on March 2nd.

Due to the warmer weather – trap counts overall are higher this year than this time last year. As of April 3rd, there are no positive mosquito pools out of the 284 that have been tested.

Ms. Colona provided mosquito identification training at the LMCA Spring Workshop held on February 19th at East Baton Rouge Mosquito and Rodent Control.

Prior to the closing of area schools, presentations were completed at Hammond Westside Montessori and Tucker Elementary School in Ponchatoula. Tucker Elementary School's total enrollment of over 700 students attended her presentation.

Ms. Colona conducted our District Safety Meeting which included preventing infectious diseases (including COVID-19), proper handwashing, sanitation and social distancing.

Participated in a LMCA virtual board meeting on April 7th. The LMCA has made the decision to cancel this year's annual meeting due to COVID-19.

Award Chemical Bid

Due to the availability issues with Fyfanon EW, the District opened up for bids for Fyfanon ULV. It is an agency pricing product, so anyone who bids on it must bid the exact same price. We had two vendors bid on it and Mr. Walette's recommendation was to jointly award to both vendors. We will only use this product if the Fyfanon EW continues to have availability issues. Ms. Edwards made a motion to accept the Director's recommendation and jointly award the product to both vendors. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passes.

Declare Vehicles as Surplus

Mr. Walette presented a list of five vehicles that are being replaced and recommended that they be declared as surplus.

Ms. Edwards made a motion to declare the five vehicles so listed as surplus. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passes.

Authorize Selling of Surplus Vehicles

Mr. Walette made a recommendation to auction these vehicles through GovDeals.

Mr. Wheat made a motion authorizing the selling of the vehicles according to the recommendation by the Director. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passes.

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Approve and sign Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire

Ms. Edwards made a motion to approve the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire regarding the 2019 audit of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passes.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Deek DeBlieux, Chairman

/s/Debbie Edwards, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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