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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, JULY 30, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Debbie Edwards, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

Charlie Ciolino – present
Debbie Edwards – present
Greg Fletcher – present
James Harper – present

Erin Horzelski – present
Craig Inman – present
Jimmy Wolfe – present

Also Present: Laura Gray, Douglas Curet, Amy Newsham, May Stilley, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to accept the May 7th meeting minutes. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Auditor's Report

Laura Gray with Laura Gray, CPA, LLC, presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2024 to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Horzelski made a motion to accept the auditor's report as presented. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Review Financial Statement

Ms. Colona reviewed the financial report through June 2025.

Ms. Horzelski made a motion to accept the financial statement into record as presented. Mr. Inman seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Adopt Resolution Canvassing Returns

Ms. Vining read aloud the Resolution Canvassing Returns of the March 29, 2025 election.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adopt the Resolution Canvassing the Returns as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

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Adopt Resolution Levying Tax

Ms. Vining read aloud the Resolution Levying the Tax of the March 29, 2025 election.

Ms. Horzelski made a motion to adopt the Resolution Levying the Tax as presented. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Ms. Colona provided her report.

We have had 75 positive mosquito pool samples for West Nile Virus out of the 1,184 mosquito pool samples submitted to LSU for testing. We have conducted LAMP testing on 196 mosquito pool samples with 10 mosquito pool samples testing positive for West Nile Virus. Although we have seen activity in most of our traps, the majority of activity has been in the northwestern corner of the district. This area has been aggressively treated multiple times a week. Last week we had NO positive mosquito pools reported from LSU.

So far, there are no human cases in Tangipahoa parish, but one reported horse with EEE.

We have performed several successful drone applications, and more are planned and will be done on a case by case/as needed basis.

Other updates: Our quarterly safety meeting was held on 6/17/2025. Alex Fortenberry, IT Specialist, graduated from Leadership Tangipahoa. Our signage is complete and installed on the hangar, as well as the plaque on the front of the building.

Since our last meeting, our public outreach has consisted of radio interviews, as well as our first podcast with Amber Narro and we have been running ads with America First – which we will be planning to do twice a year – once when mosquito season “starts” and one during peak WNV season to remind people to use repellents. Our public relations specialist and entomologist organized a mosquito education table with a local vacation bible school. The mosquito fish are doing great, and several constituents have come in to get fish for use in their ponds.

The spray system on our airplane has been undergoing some maintenance and should be completed shortly.

Adopt Aerial Contingency Contract

This is a contract with an agency which is only used if our plane is not operational or if there is a storm/hurricane that dictates the entire district to be sprayed in one to two nights.

Ms. Colona reviewed the bid received. Mr. Inman made a motion to adopt the aerial contingency contract as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Ms. Gray has left the meeting.

Ms. Horzelski temporarily stepped out of the meeting room.

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Adopt Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Tammany MAD

This is a contract with another district which is only used if our plane is not operational or if there is a storm/hurricane that dictates the entire district be sprayed in one to two nights.

Ms. Colona reviewed the cooperative endeavor agreement with St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to adopt the agreement as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; (Ms. Horzelski had not yet returned to the room when the vote was taken.) Motion passed.

Adopt and Ratify Construction Lease with Airport; update on Longterm Lease with Airport Post Construction of Hangar

(Ms. Horzelski returned to the meeting room.)

The auditor, Laura Gray, in her audit report to the Board, discussed the need to adopt and ratify the construction lease with the City/Hammond Airport Advisory Board. After briefly discussing, Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adopt and ratify the construction lease with the airport as recommended. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Inspector II Position Discussion

Ms. Colona reviewed guideline criteria and certifications for this position and asked for the Board's thoughts and/or any discussion. We currently have one employee eligible for this position.

Adopt Personnel Manual Changes

Ms. Colona reviewed her recommended changes to the personnel manual. The Board requested further information which Ms. Colona will have for the next meeting. No action was taken.

2025 Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Reminder

This training is to be completed annually by all board members, legal counsel, and advisory council members, with certificates of completion submitted to the District office. Currently we have not received certificates for the following members: Ciolino, Edwards, Fletcher, Wolfe, Horzelski (ethics only) and Curet.

Election of Officers:

Ms. Edwards opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Ciolino was nominated for Chairman and declined the nomination.

Mr. Ciolino nominated Ms. Horzelski for Chairwoman of the Board. Mr. Inman seconded the motion. With no other nominations made, vote was taken. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Ms. Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

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Mr. Inman nominated Mr. Ciolino for Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Mr. Ciolino accepted nomination by acclamation.

Ms. Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Inman nominated himself for Secretary of the Board. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Mr. Inman accepted nomination by acclamation.

Debbie Edwards expressed her desire to become a member of our advisory council. Mr. Inman made a motion to appoint her to the advisory council. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Ms. Edwards accepted appointment by acclamation.

With the terms expiring for two of our board members, who were also on the signature card for the District, two new board members will have to be added to the signature card. Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Ciolino volunteered to be added to the signature card. Mr. Inman will now replace Ms. Horzelski as the board member reviewing and approving the bank statements after monthly reconciliation.

Ms. Edwards thanked the board members and legal counsel for their time, effort, and commitment to serving on the Board.

Mr. Harper thanked Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wolfe for all their service over the years.

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

Immediately following adjournment, Amy Newsham and May Stilley were sworn in as commissioners.

ATTEST:

/s/Erin Horzelski, Chairwoman

/s/Craig Inman, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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