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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, MAY 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Debbie Edwards, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to go into recess. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to come out of recess. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

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

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

Also Present: Laura Gray, John Henry White, Douglas Curet, Tom Pistorius, Carol Curet, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the March 13th meeting minutes. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

Auditor Pre-Report

Our annual audit will be conducted by Laura Gray, CPA, She provided the commissioners with her audit responsibilities, information related to the audit of the financial statements of the District, her planned scope and timing of the audit and provided her contact information for open communication during the audit process.

Review Financial Statement

Ms. Colona reviewed the financial report through April 2024. Due to a massive increase this year in the cost for property, vehicle, general liability, and management liability insurances, Ms. Colona made a recommendation to transfer \$185,350.00 from reserves to these insurance categories. She is also contacting other insurance agencies for quotes in an effort to reduce the insurance costs for the remainder of the year.

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

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

Director's Report

Ms. Colona provided her report. Last month, nuisance mosquito counts were high and the southern house mosquito counts are lower, but currently on the rise, which is typical for May and June. There have been no human cases and no positives for West Nile virus out of 600 tested mosquito pool samples.

Jourdan McGaughey has been hired, filling the position of entomologist.

Andrew Scherer, public outreach specialist, has been updating the look of our Facebook page, has written press releases, contacted radio stations and multiple newspapers to set up interviews, and is working with Alex Fortenberry, IT Specialist, on developing risk maps for the public.

Ms. Colona attended the parish council meeting in April where she introduced herself to the council members. Before leaving the meeting, Action News 17 reporter, Ken Benitez, interviewed Ms. Colona.

The LMCA spring workshop was held in Baton Rouge in April. Two inspectors attended this training.

Review 2024 Reassessment Value

The 2024 millage will be adopted at our next meeting.

Award Hangar Bid

Mr. Tom Pistorious reviewed the bid tabulation sheet with the commissioners and answered questions. There were seven bids submitted with one bid disqualified due to the envelope being incomplete.

Ms. Colona made the recommendation to award the bid to Spartan Building Corporation, who was the lowest bidder.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to award the bid to Spartan Building Corporation. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – nay, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Specified Items As Surplus

Ms. Colona reviewed the list of inventories to declare as surplus.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to declare the items presented as surplus. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

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Authorize Director to Sell Surplus Inventory at Auction

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to authorize the Director to sell the surplus inventory items at auction. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Adopt Official Journal

Ms. Horzelski made a motion to accept the proposal from the Daily Star to serve as the district’s official journal. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

Authorize Date Change For November Meeting

Ms. Colona will be attending an interim board meeting of the AMCA on November 13, 2024, which is the scheduled date of our November meeting. She recommended changing the meeting date to November 6, 2024.

Ms. Horzelski made a motion to change the November meeting date from November 13th to November 6th. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harper and Mr. Inman absent.

ATTEST:

/s/Debbie Edwards, Chairwoman

/s/Erin Horzelski, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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