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TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1 MINUTES, PUBLIC MEETING, MAY 7, 2025

The public meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

James Harper, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

Charlie Ciolino – present

Erin Horzelski – absent

Debbie Edwards – absent

Craig Inman - present

Greg Fletcher – present

Jimmy Wolfe - absent

James Harper - present

Also Present: Douglas Curet, Carol Curet, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the March 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Motion passes – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards, Ms. Horzelski, and Mr. Wolfe absent.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review financial statement

Ms. Colona reviewed the financial report through April 2025.

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

Adopt Official Journal

Ms. Colona reviewed the bids for the official journal and presented her recommendation.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to accept the Director's recommendation for the Tangi Times to serve as the district's official journal. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passes.

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Adopt the millage rate for 2025

Ms. Vining read the Resolution aloud to set the millage for the 2025 tax year at 4.98 mills.

Mr. Inman made a motion to adopt the resolution as read and set the millage for the 2025 tax year at 4.98 mills. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passes.

Adopt Director's Performance Appraisal

Mr. Harper reviewed the Director's performance appraisal.

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

Director's update

Ms. Colona provided her update.

The number of mosquitoes has been low for this time of the year but are now increasing. To date, there have been no positive mosquito pools for West Nile Virus.

Nightly spraying began March 19th and continues nightly, weather permitting.

In the event of extremely high mosquito counts, our plane is ready.

We have completed our first drone application of the season. We will be selecting areas to treat by drone and will incorporate these applications into our regular operations.

The Mosquito fish project is almost ready. The public will be informed when we are ready to begin distribution. They will need to complete a form to receive the fish. This will allow us to track the areas the fish have been distributed to and use that data in our treatment plans.

So far this season, we have treated over 4,000 storm drains and catch basins.

We have designed a new logo for the District. We are in the process of replacing the decals on all the district vehicles.

Four employees attended the LMCA Spring Workshop on March 31st – April 1st in Baton Rouge.

Our entomologist is attending the Mosquito Academy this week in New Orleans.

Our newest inspector, Cade Wilson, has passed the general standards and 8A exam and received his certification as a government pesticide applicator.

Ms. Colona discussed ideas for future projects for next summer.

National Mosquito Control Awareness week is June 15th – 21st.

Approve specified items as surplus

Ms. Colona reviewed the items to be declared as surplus.

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

Authorize Director to sell surplus items as auction

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

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Review commissioner appointment terms

Ms. Colona reviewed the commissioner appointment terms.

She reminded all commissioners who have not completed their ethics and harassment training to please do so as soon as possible and to email their certificates of completion to Ms. Vining, drop them off at the office or bring them to our next meeting.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Motion passes – all yeas, no nays, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Wolfe absent.

ATTEST:

/s/James Harper, Vice Chairman

/s/Erin Horzelski, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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