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## **TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1 MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, March 12, 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 – absent

James Harper – present

Erin Horzelski – present

Craig Inman - absent

Jimmy Wolfe – absent

Also present: Laura Gray, CPA, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Inman, and Mr. Wolfe absent.

### **Approve and Sign Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Compliance Questionnaire**

Mr. Harper made a motion to adopt the resolution to accept the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Compliance Questionnaire for audit of the fiscal year ending 12/31/2024. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea; Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Inman, and Mr. Wolfe absent.

### **Review Financial Report**

Ms. Colona reviewed the financial report through February 2025.

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

### **Director’s Report**

Ms. Colona provided her report to the Board.

Mosquito trap surveillance has begun, and night spraying is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of 3/17/2025. Night spraying will be irregular at first due to the cool temperatures we are having.

An aerial spray as well as treatment of Memorial Park is scheduled, weather permitting, before the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival which is April 11 – 13, 2025.

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**Last month we hired a new employee to fill the open inspector position we have had.**

**The American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting was held last week. And what an informative and great meeting it was! There were over 940 mosquito control professionals from around the globe in attendance. Ms. Colona, three staff members, and one commissioner attended. Ms. Colona moderated a session, helped judge the poster competition, and attended a ‘director dilemma’ session. The LMCA Spring Workshop will be held March 31st and April 1st. Four employees will be attending this training.**

**On Saturday, March 29th, our District proposition is up for renewal. A copy of the official ballot prepared and certified by the Louisiana Secretary of State was presented to the Board. Information regarding this proposition renewal and our mosquito abatement operations can be found on our website, social media pages, fliers, and ads through America First on monitors throughout Hammond and Ponchatoula.**

**Wall cracks have been repaired, and the walls have been repainted in the original office building. The work on the mosquito fish tank project is complete, so we will begin chemical testing the water to make sure the water is found to be sufficient to support the fish. Once this is completed, we will begin stocking the fish tank.**

**Our entomologist has been accepted into the Biology graduate program at Southeastern Louisiana University starting in the Fall.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Edwards, Chairwoman  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

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**Erin Horzelski, Secretary  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**

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**Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**