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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Secretary Erin Horzelski called the hearing for the 2023 Budget to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Commissioners in attendance – Charlie Ciolino, Erin Horzelski, and James Harper
Also present – Douglas Curet, Colby Colona and Cheri Vining**

Jimmy Wolfe is now in attendance.

As there was no public in attendance, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

**Philip Bankston – absent
Charlie Ciolino – present
Debbie Edwards – absent
James Harper – present**

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

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

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to accept the September 14th meeting minutes. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent.

Public Comment – None.

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Terminate Current Legal Counsel Contract

Our current attorney recently left the firm. The District's contract was with the firm. Ms. Horzelski made a motion to terminate the current legal counsel contract. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Engagement of New Legal Advisor

Douglas Curet, previous legal advisor for the District, expressed interest in returning as legal advisor. He presented the commissioners with a suggested contract. Mr. Harper made a motion to approve the engagement of Douglas Curet as new legal advisor. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Program Update

In Mr. Walette's absence, Ms. Colona provided the Director's portion of the program update.

A proposal quote was obtained from another architect and presented to the Board for the hangar project. After reviewing proposals, Mr. Walette's recommendation was to move forward with the proposal from Pistorius Associates. There were no objections from the Board. This is not an agenda item because the Board had previously approved Mr. Walette to engage an architect for the project.

The initial 80% payment reimbursement from FEMA/GOHSEP for aerial spraying conducted in the after math of Hurricane Ida was received 11/7/22.

After much consideration, we will be switching to a new fleet tracking and looking into obtaining dashcams for all vehicles.

Ms. Colona, Assistant Director, provided her report.

The mosquito populations are low due to dry weather and cooler temperatures. Over 2,000 samples have been submitted for testing so far this year. Last year less than 1,700 were submitted. This year has been the most WNV activity since the District has ever had. For 2022 we have had 346 WNV positive mosquito pool samples and 1 EEE positive mosquito pool sample compared to 8 WNV positive mosquito pool samples and 2 EEE positive mosquito pool samples in 2021. There have been nine human cases in Tangipahoa Parish.

Leadership Tangipahoa made their annual visit to the District on September 20th.

The Board was provided with a report detailing the two findings from our 2021 audit and the actions being taken to rectify those issues in the future.

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Review Financial Statement

Ms. Colona reviewed the financial report through October 20, 2022.

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, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Employee Cost of Living Adjustment for 2023

Ms. Colona presented Mr. Walette's recommendation to approve a COLA increase equivalent to the one enacted by the Social Security Administration for 2023.

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the COLA increase as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Fiscal Agent Contract

Ms. Colona reviewed the fiscal agent proposals overview prepared by Mr. Walette and presented his recommendation. Ms. Horzelski made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve 2023 Chemical Bid Award

Ms. Colona reviewed the 2023 Chemical Bid Summary with the Board which included Mr. Walette's recommendations for award. Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the chemical bid awards as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Surplus Inventory

Ms. Colona stated the wrecked truck, MC 41, was the only one item to declare as surplus. Mr. Harper made a motion to declare the truck surplus. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Authorize Director to Sell Surplus Inventory at Auction

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

Approve Commitment of Reserves

Ms. Colona presented Mr. Walette's recommendation to decommit \$300,000 from the fund reserves for the hangar and move into the operating budget for the hangar project. Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

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Ms. Colona then presented Mr. Walette's recommendation to recommit the fund reserves for 2023 as follows: \$800,000 for airplane, \$500,000 for chemicals, and \$500,000 for emergency reserves for aerial spraying. Ms. Horzelski made a motion to approve the recommitment as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #2301 – Mr. Ciolino made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2321 amending the 2022 budget, as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #2302 – Mr. Harper made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2302 as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

2022 AMCA Meeting

The dates for the meeting are February 27th – March 3rd, 2023. Attendees were discussed.

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Bankston, Ms. Edwards and Mr. Inman absent.

ATTEST:

Jimmy Wolfe, Vice Chairman
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1

Erin Horzelski, Secretary
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1

Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
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