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**TANGIPAOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

The hearing for the 2024 Budget was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

As there was no public in attendance, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**TANGIPAOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 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

Erin Horzelski - absent

Debbie Edwards – present

Craig Inman – absent

Greg Fletcher – present

Jimmy Wolfe - present

James Harper – absent

Also Present: Laura Gray, Douglas Curet, Carol Curet, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

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

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the September 21st meeting minutes. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent.

Public Comment – None.

Director's Update

Mr. Walette reported that we have seen extraordinary numbers of mosquitoes in October and early November. Aerial applications were performed 7 times during this time frame to reduce those numbers.

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Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Colona, provided her report. The mosquito populations finally decreased after the temperatures cooled off. Our trap counts for October were the highest we have ever seen - over 1.3 million. We have never had more than 1 million in an entire year. Over 2,300 samples have been submitted for testing so far this year, resulting in 18 WNV positive mosquito pool samples, no EEE and no SLE, compared to last year at the end of the season, we had 347 WNV positive mosquito pool samples and 1 EEE positive mosquito pool sample. Our newest inspector has passed his mosquito control certification.

Review Financial Statement

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report through November 28, 2023. Mr. Fletcher 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. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Administration Change For 2024

Mr. Walette will be retiring effective March 30, 2024. He made the recommendation of appointing Colby Colona, currently the Assistant Director, as Director with a start date of March 31, 2024. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to appoint Ms. Colona as Director effective March 31, 2024. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Audit Engagement Letter

Laura Gray, CPA. reviewed the terms of her audit engagement letter to the Board. Mr. Ciolino made a motion to approve the audit engagement letter as presented. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Employee Cost of Living Adjustment for 2024

Mr. Walette reviewed the Social Security COLA for 2024 with the Board. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve a 3.2% COLA which would take effect the first payroll period in January 2024. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve 2024 Chemical Bid Award

Mr. Walette reviewed the 2024 Chemical Bid Summary with the Board and presented his recommendations for awards. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the chemical bid awards as presented. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Approve Commitment of Reserves

Mr. Walette presented his recommendation to recommit the fund reserves for 2024 as follows: \$800,000 for airplane, \$500,000 for chemicals, and \$500,000 for emergency reserves for aerial spraying as of 12/31/2023. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the recommitment as presented. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

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Adopt Budget Ordinance #2401 – Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2401 amending the 2023 budget, as presented. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #2402 – Mr. Ciolino made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2402 as presented. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Adopt Revised Personnel Manual

Mr. Walette presented the recommended revisions to the Board. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adopt the revisions as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Laura Gray has left the meeting.

Approve or Reject Hangar Bids

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to reject the current hangar bids. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

Authorize Rebidding of Hangar Project

Mr. Ciolino made a motion to table the hangar project until the January 10, 2024 meeting. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Fletcher – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Harper, Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Inman absent. Motion passed.

2024 AMCA Meeting

The dates for the meeting are March 3rd – March 8th, 2024.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Debbie Edwards, Vice Chairwoman

/s/Erin Horzelski, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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