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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, March 8, 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:

Philip Bankston – absent

Charlie Ciolino – present

Debbie Edwards – present

James Harper – present

Erin Horzelski – absent

Craig Inman - absent

Jimmy Wolfe – present

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

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Horzelski and Mr. Bankston absent.

Ms. Horzelski is now in attendance.

**Auditor**

Ms. Laura Gray will be the auditor for the 2022 annual audit. She reviewed with the commissioners what her role is regarding the annual audit, what will be expected from them during the audit and her timeline for completion of the audit.

**Review Financial Report**

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report through February 2023.

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

**Director's Report**

Mr. Walette provided his report.

Mr. Walette, four staff members, and three commissioners attended the American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting last week. There were almost nine hundred in attendance. Mr. Walette gave several presentations before completing his term of American Mosquito Control Association President for 2022-2023 at the end of this meeting. He will now serve on the AMCA Board of Directors for one more year as 'Past President'.

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**Ms. Colona, Assistant Director/Entomologist, gave a presentation at the annual meeting. She was also elected to the AMCA Board of Directors for one year to fill a vacancy.**

**Night spraying began this week.**

**The annual inspection of the airplane is complete and a test mission was performed last week.**

**Mr. Walette is also working on a professional services contract with the architect for the District hangar.**

**Discussions of revising the District Policies and Procedures and/or the Personnel Manual. The Board requested Mr. Walette to present his recommendations at the next meeting.**

**Assistant Director's Report**

**Ms. Colona provided her report.**

**The lab has been stocked with supplies and reagents for the 2023 season and all files have been updated for the 2023 season.**

**Ms. Colona attended the 2023 American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting last week and gave a presentation on the history of West Nile Virus at the District from 2012 - present.**

**We began trap surveillance last week, droplet tests earlier this week and LAMP testing will begin later this week.**

**Ms. Colona will be visiting one of the local schools next week as well as preparing for our quarterly safety meeting and performing a bottle bioassay test.**

**Adopt Adjustments to Budget**

**None**

**Ms. Edwards commended Mr. Walette on a job well done serving as the President of the American Mosquito Control Association for 2022-2023. She stated that the commissioners of the District are so proud of him and his representation of the District on the local, state and national levels and for providing education and information for the betterment of public health and quality of life through mosquito control.**

**Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Bankston and Mr. Inman absent.**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Debbie Edwards, Chairwoman**

**/s/Erin Horzelski, Secretary**

**/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary**

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