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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, August 3, 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 – present
Charlie Ciolino – present
Debbie Edwards – present
James Harper - present

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

Also Present: Frank DiVittorio, Phil Hebert, Adam Hebert, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Election of Officers

Mr. Wolfe opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Wolfe nominated Ms. Edwards for Chairwoman of the Board. Mr. Bankston made a motion that the nominations be closed. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chairwoman, Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Bankston nominated Mr. Wolfe for Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Harper made a motion that the nominations be closed. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Ms. Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

With no nominations being made, Ms. Horzelski nominated herself for Secretary of the Board. Mr. Wolfe made a motion that the nominations be closed. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

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Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the May 11th meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Auditor's Report

Phil Hebert with Hebert Johnson & Associates, Inc. presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2021 to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bankston made a motion to accept the auditor's report as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Phil Hebert and Adam Hebert have left the meeting.

Director's Report

Mr. Walette provided his report.

We have detected more West Nile Virus activity this year than in any other year. Mosquito pools testing positive for WNV started early this season. Public alerts have been posted on social media and press releases sent to the radio stations and newspaper. Along with our nightly truck spraying during the week, we have added weekends and holiday spraying during much of this period. We have also conducted more aerial applications than we ever have at this point in time in prior years. The number of mosquitoes has been reduced, but the infection rate of the mosquitoes remains high.

We are still waiting for reimbursement from FEMA/GOHSEP for aerial spraying conducted after Hurricane Ida in August 2021.

The District's Fiscal Agent contract expires at the end of this year. We will need to rebid.

Review Financial Statement

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report through July 31, 2022.

Mr. Bankston made a motion to accept the financial report into record as presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Colona provided her report.

Ms. Colona reiterated much of the same information previously stated by Mr. Walette. Since May, there has been a 56% decrease in nuisance mosquitoes and a 66% decrease in the southern house mosquitoes. Positive mosquito pool counts are the highest we have ever seen.

Computer Specialist, Alex Fortenberry, recently passed the Part 107 exam and has received certification to fly the drone. He has also been working on various maps with trap and disease surveillance data.

Discuss Hangar Project

Mr. Walette reviewed information previously discussed.

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Authorize Engaging Architect

Mr. Bankston made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to engage an architect for the hangar. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Approve Surplus Inventory

Mr. Walette reviewed the list of inventories to declare as surplus. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to declare the items presented as surplus. Mr. Ciolino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. 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. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. Ciolino – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Inman – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Bankston made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

ATTEST:

Debbie Edwards, Chairman
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1

Erin Horzelski, Secretary
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Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
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