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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Jimmy Wolfe called the hearing for the 2021 Budget to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Commissioners in attendance – Deek DeBlieux, Sunny Ryerson, and Jimmy Wolfe
Also present - Dennis Walette, Frank DiVittorio, Colby Colona and Cheri Vining**

There was no public in attendance.

Mr. Mannino is now in attendance (5:08 p.m.)

As there was no public in attendance, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Jimmy Wolfe called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

**Deek DeBlieux – present
Debbie Edwards – absent
Ricky Mannino – present**

**Sunny Ryerson – present
Bill Wheat - absent
Jimmy Wolfe – present**

Also Present: Brandi Garcia, Frank DiVittorio, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona and Cheri Vining

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 12th. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent.

Public Comment – None.

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Auditor's Report – Brandy Garcia, CPA with Bruce Harrell & Company Certified Public Accountants presented their Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2019 to the Board of Commissioners.

Brandy Garcia has left the meeting.

Amend Minutes from April 8, 2020 Regular Meeting – Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to amend the April 8, 2020 meeting minutes motion regarding the agenda item – Approve and sign Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire – from the wording: approve the Management Representation Letter – to the wording: approve the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passes.

Program Update

Assistant Director's Report – Ms. Colona provided the surveillance report. Traps are still being placed and collected twice a week. We are seeing higher trap counts which is typical for this time of the year with the slightly cooler weather we have been having. To date we have had 28 positive mosquito pools out of the 1,901 that have been tested through the lab at LSU, compared to 4 positive mosquito pools at this same time last year. Over half of the positive mosquito pools came from a single location. Treatment of that area has been more aggressive. We have tested 272 mosquito pool samples in our lab compared to 134 tested last year. Five of the samples tested positive. Statewide there have been 398 West Nile Virus positive samples compared to 170 last year. There have been two human cases in Tangipahoa Parish. One was an asymptomatic blood donor within our District, and one neuroinvasive fatality outside of the District.

Interviews for the open inspector position were completed and the new inspector began work on September 8, 2020.

Ms. Colona is also taking an online six-week course on Vector-borne diseases.

Director's Report - Mr. Walette provided his report.

Due to a malfunctioning touchscreen on the Wingman system, the District airplane is not available for use. The Wingman system has been sent for repairs. Until our plane is operational again, Mr. Walette has contacted St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District, through a cooperative agreement, regarding their availability to conduct an aerial spray mission over an area of our District.

Mr. Walette, as Vice President of the American Mosquito Control Association, will attend the Interim Board Meeting next month.

Chemical bids will go out in the coming weeks with plans to have the bid opening the first week of December. The Board of Commissioners will approve the awards at the December meeting the following week.

Review Financial Statement

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report.

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Mr. Mannino made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passes.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to amend the 2021 proposed budget to exclude funds appropriated for hangar construction. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – abstain, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passes.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #2001 – Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2001 as presented. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – abstain, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passes.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #2002 – Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2002 as amended. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – abstain, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passes.

AMCA Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association will be held in Salt Lake City, UT from March 1st – 5th, 2021.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Ms. Edwards and Mr. Wheat absent.

ATTEST:

**/s/Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman
/s/Ricky Mannino, Secretary
/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**