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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Debbie Edwards, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was as follows:

Philip Bankston – present

Erin Horzelski - present

Deek DeBlieux – absent

Ricky Mannino – present

Debbie Edwards – present

Jimmy Wolfe - absent

James Harper – present

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

Review Financial Report

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report for year ending December 31, 2021.

Mr. Bankston made a motion to accept the financial report into record. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – Yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Mannino – yea; Mr. DeBlieux and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passed.

Director’s Report – Mr. Walette provided his report.

Working with FEMA program manager, the documentation is complete, digitally signed, and submitted for reimbursement for aerial spray missions conducted after Hurricane Ida. The annual inspection of the District aircraft is currently underway in Baton Rouge. The computer specialist position has been filled. The end of year chemical inventory has been completed.

Assistant Director’s Report –

Ms. Colona has completed her annual report which contains seasonal data as well as comparisons to previous years.

Lab supplies and reagents have been ordered for the upcoming season.

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Ms. Colona has been preparing for two presentations that she will be giving at the American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting at the beginning of March.

Approve Declaring of Surplus Inventory

Upon our return to work after Hurricane Ida, the lab freezer was not working. After assessment, the freezer cannot be repaired. Mr. Walette requested to declare the freezer as surplus because by state law for government entities, we cannot just throw it away, although it cannot be repaired.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to declare the freezer as surplus. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – Yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Mannino – yea; Mr. DeBlieux and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passed.

Authorize Director to auction surplus inventory on GovDeals.com

Mr. Mannino made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to auction the surplus inventory on GovDeals.com. Mr. Bankston seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – Yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Mannino – yea; Mr. DeBlieux and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passed.

Approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle

Mr. Bankston made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle to replacement MC41 that was involved in a no-fault accident in November 2021. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – Yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Mannino – yea; Mr. DeBlieux and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passed.

Approve the purchase of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System

Mr. Mannino made a motion to approve the purchase of an UAV system for use in mosquito control operations with a projected cost of approximately \$46,000. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – Yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Mannino – yea; Mr. DeBlieux and Mr. Wolfe absent. Motion passed.

Hangar discussion

The Commissioners asked Mr. Walette to obtain additional specific information along with the costs to present at the next meeting.

Salary Survey Discussion

Tabled until the next meeting.

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State mandated training for Commissioners and Employees

All full-time employees have completed this training. Seasonal employees will complete training just prior to the beginning of the spray season. Commissioners will complete their training individually and submit their certificates of completion to the District office.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Debbie Edwards, Vice Chairman

/s/Ricky Mannino, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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