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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 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:

Deek DeBlieux – present	Sunny Ryerson – absent
Debbie Edwards – present	Bill Wheat - absent
Erin Horzelski – present	Jimmy Wolfe – present
Ricky Mannino - absent	

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

Ms. Edwards made a motion to accept the April 28th meeting minutes. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Mannino, Ms. Ryerson, and Mr. Wheat absent.

Adopt the Millage Rate for 2021

Mr. Walette presented his recommendation to maintain the current millage rate of 4.98 mills after reviewing the current budget and the January – May financial report with the Board. Ms. Edwards made a motion to adopt the 4.98 millage rate and not roll forward for 2021. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino, Ms. Ryerson, and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

Hangar update

Mr. Wolfe provided the update. Plans are to meet with the Hammond airport director to tour a hangar of suitable size for the district's plane and schedule a visit with the Director of the St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District to tour their hangar and ask questions.

Approve Contract for Aerial Mosquito Control Applications

Mr. Walette reviewed the aerial bid(s) received. Ms. Edwards made a motion to approve the bid received from Dynamic Aviation at \$1.04 per acre with a minimum spray block of 30,000 acres to only be utilized with the Board of Commissioners approval and only in emergency situations. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino, Ms. Ryerson, and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

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Assistant Director's Report

Ms. Colona provided her report. Nuisance mosquitoes increased from April by 115% and southern house mosquitoes by 240% which is a typical pattern, but still very high numbers. To date there have been no positive mosquito pools for West Nile Virus.

Bottle bioassays have been performed in the lab. The chemicals tested demonstrated > 90% - complete mortality within less than 90 minutes.

Upcoming events are: National Mosquito Control Awareness week is June 20th – 26th and a presentation on mosquitoes at the Ponchatoula Library in July.

Director's Report

Mr. Wallette provided his report.

Airplane status – Our new software system has been installed but we have been experiencing a learning curve of the new system. The pilots at St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District have been very helpful in providing hands on and step by step instruction with our new software system, as they have the same system and have been using it for a while.

Two new inspectors have been hired to fill the vacancies left by the departure of two inspectors.

The district's annual audit is currently in progress.

Adopt Official Journal

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the proposal from the Daily Star to serve as the district's official journal. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino, Ms. Ryerson, and Mr. Wheat absent. Motion passed.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman

/s/Ricky Mannino, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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