

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Sunny Ryerson, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present

Pete Jones – present

Chris Chappell – absent

Sunny Ryerson - present

Deek Deblieux - present

Bill Wheat – present

Philip Graziano Jr. - present

Also Present: Douglas Curet, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Debbie Edwards is now in attendance.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 14th as amended. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Mr. Caliva made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 16th. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

**Program Update** – Mr. Walette provided his report.

There were many presentations regarding the Zika virus at the recently attended AMCA Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. There were also many GIS data sessions as well as new technology on display for mosquito surveillance and adulticiding.

The District has resumed night spraying this week.

The annual inspection for the District airplane has been completed.

The additional spray truck will be ready for pick up in a week or two.

Chris Chappell is now in attendance.

Mr. Walette has completed an initial walk through with the contractor and reviewed the punch list on the new building addition.

Choices for furnishings in the new addition were discussed.

Mr. Wheat made a motion authorizing the Director to select the appropriate furnishings for the new addition as previously approved in the 2017 budget. Mr. Deblieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. Chappell – yea, Mr. Deblieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat yea. Motion passed.

**Meeting Invitation** – Mr. Walette has received an invitation to be a guest speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquitoes and Mosquito-borne Diseases in Nanjing, China, from Rui-De Xue, Ph.D., Conference President. Mr. Walette's presentation would be an overview of the District's mosquito surveillance and control program. All expenses, excluding airfare, would be paid for by the conference. Mr. Walette made a request to the Board for the District to cover the cost of the airline ticket (approximately \$1350.00). Discussion followed.

**Mr. Wheat made a motion to approve the travel expense for the airfare to the International Forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquitoes and Mosquito-borne Diseases subjected to a two week period in which Mr. Walette would gather additional information requested by the Board and report back to the Board. If there were no objections after all information had been obtained, the District would purchase the airline ticket. No second was obtained on the motion. Motion failed.**

**Personnel Committee Update - The committee provided a brief update.**

**Special Meeting March 15th – Ms. Ryerson would like the participation of all commissioners to review and complete the revision of the personnel manual that the personnel committee has been working on. Several commissioners will not be able to make a March 15th meeting. Through a consensus of the commissioners this meeting will take place on March 22nd.**

**Personnel - Ms. Ryerson appointed a personnel committee consisting of Mr. Graziano and Mr. Wheat to prepare the Director’s yearly performance appraisal, which will be presented to the Board at the regular April meeting.**

**Ethics Training – Training has been completed and certificates received on all advisory council members and five of the seven commissioners. The two remaining commissioners were instructed to complete the training before the next meeting.**

**Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chappell seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Sunny Ryerson, Chairman  
/s/Philip Graziano, Secretary  
/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary  
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1**