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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Bill Wheat, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present

Pete Jones – present

Deek Deblieux – present

Sunny Ryerson - absent

Cecilia Giannobile - present

Bill Wheat – present

Philip Graziano Jr. - absent

Also Present: Douglas Curet, Debbie Edwards, Colby Colona, Dennis Walette, Jimmy Wolfe and Cheri Vining.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the February 13th meeting minutes. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.

**Old Business**

**Adopt revised Vehicle Use policy**

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to continue the current vehicle use policy with the employees who currently have take home vehicles. An updated District Vehicle Use form must be signed by each employee and placed in their files. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.

**Approve vehicle allowances**

Mr. Jones made a motion for the Assistant Director to receive a vehicle allowance in lieu of taking a District vehicle home. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to increase the monthly vehicle allowance from \$400 to \$500. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.

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**New Business**

**Mr. Jones made a motion to move Item 4 on the agenda (Approve Director's Performance Appraisal) to the last item under new business and to go into Executive Session at that time. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.**

**Adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2019**

**The Board discussed several options.**

**Mr. Caliva made a motion to set the 2019 millage at 4.5 mills. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. There was more discussion by the Board.**

**Mr. Caliva made a motion to amend his previous motion to 4.7 mills. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Caliva made a motion to set the millage rate for 2019 at 4.7 mills. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.**

**The resolution was read aloud to set the millage for the tax year 2019 at 4.7 mills.**

**Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the resolution as read to set the millage for the tax year 2019 at 4.7 mills. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.**

**Approve quote for generator**

**Mr. Walette reviewed the quote received from an additional vendor. Sealed bids are required for amounts over \$30,000. The quote was slightly over \$30,000. After Board discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to speak with this vendor to see if he would like to submit a revised quote. Mr. Walette was also authorized to purchase from this vendor if the revised quote was under \$30,000. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.**

**Approve transfer of funds from Fund Reserves category to Chemical category**

**Mr. Walette made a recommendation to the Board to make a bulk purchase of Scourge 18-54, a pesticide which is out of production. It provides outstanding control and breaks down rapidly in sunlight. Adapco purchased a very large supply of the product before the end of its run. However, once those supplies are exhausted, it will no longer be available.**

Mr. Caliva made a motion to transfer \$850,000.00 from the Fund Reserves category to the Chemical category to purchase the product, Scourge 18-54. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to purchase 32 drums of Scourge 18-54 from Adapco. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Giannobile – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent. Motion passed.

#### **Program Update**

Mr. Walette provided his report. The spray season started later this year due to weather conditions. An aerial spray was completed Monday and Tuesday nights over the Ponchatoula in advance of the Strawberry Festival which will be held this weekend.

Colby Colona provided the surveillance report. Trap surveillance has begun with traps being set twice per week. To date, 179 samples have been submitted for testing – all negative. Seven mosquito pools have been tested in house at the District – no positives. The LMCA Spring Workshop was held recently in Baton Rouge where Ms. Colona instructed classes on mosquito identification. Also, the District will have a booth at the Master Gardener Appreciation Day at the LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station on May 10th.

Mr. Walette continued his report. The open position for Mosquito Control Inspector has been filled. The new employee will begin April 22, 2019. The District has received a request to be a participate in a study trial on a pesticide. This will consist of aerial spray activity and truck mounted sprays for cage tests. The chemical will be provided at no cost to the District and trials will be conducted over a period of two weeks. The study trials will begin in a couple of months.

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report to date for 2019.

#### **Discuss District participation at festivals and fairs**

After some discussion, Mr. Wheat requested the Commissioners to prepare suggestions and ideas to present and discuss at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

At this time, the Commissioners requested the meeting go into Executive Session.

The meeting is now out of Executive Session.

**Adopt Director's Performance Appraisal – Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt the committee's performance appraisal evaluation as presented. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.**

**Mr. Walette reviewed a proposed resolution for the Commissioners to grant authorization for Mr. Walette to sign forms rejecting primary and excess Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage for the April 14, 2019 to April 14, 2020 policy term.**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to add the proposed resolution to the agenda. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.**

**Mr. Caliva made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to sign the forms as stated in the resolution. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Ms. Ryerson absent.**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Bill Wheat, Chairman**

**/s/Sunny Ryerson, Secretary**

**/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary**

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