

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, April 12, 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.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from February 22nd. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Mr. Wheat made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes from March 22nd. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Program Update – Mr. Walette provided his report.

The addition to the existing building has been completed. Conference room furnishings have been ordered. Shelves will be installed in the new storage room.

Colby Colona provided the surveillance report. The District began setting traps in early February due to the warm weather conditions. Trap counts have been low, with a couple of areas having higher counts. To date, we have submitted almost 500 mosquito pools for testing and there have been no West Nile Virus activity detected. East Baton Rouge Parish has had one positive mosquito pool this year.

Mr. Walette continued the report.

The District has obtained a few Biogents (BG) remote counters for a few of our traps. The counter automatically differentiates mosquitoes from other insects entering the trap, counts them, and wirelessly transmits the results to a cloud server. Via a web application you are able to manage your traps, view daily activity patterns, adult density indices, population dynamics, and effectiveness of your control.

An aerial spray for mosquitoes was conducted last week over the Ponchatoula area.

Our new truck is now operational for night spraying.

Mr. Walette will be attending a Zika ‘tabletop’ exercise later this month and the Tangipahoa Parish Hurricane Kickoff meeting scheduled for June 1st.

Personnel – Mr. Wheat reported that Mr. Walette’s evaluation is not complete for presentation at this meeting, but will be completed shortly. Current evaluation forms will be revised for the evaluations at the end of this year. Mr. Wheat asked for contributions via email from the commissioners regarding the revision of these forms. The contributions will be compiled and discussed at a future board meeting.

**Personnel Committee Update - The revision of the personnel manual is currently on hold. Parish government is in the process of revising their personnel manual. The committee would like to review a copy of the new Parish government personnel manual before presenting their recommendations for the District's personnel manual to the Board.**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Sunny Ryerson, Chairman**

**/s/Philip Graziano, Secretary**

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

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