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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Bruce Caliva, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – present	Sunny Ryerson – present
Deek DeBlieux – present	Adrien Wells - absent
Philip Graziano Jr. – absent	Bill Wheat – present
Pete Jones - present	

Also Present: Cecilia Giannoble, Bruce Harrell, Colby Colona, Dennis Walette, and Cheri Vining.

Auditor's Report – Bruce Harrell with Bruce Harrell & Company Certified Public Accountants presented their Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2017 to the Board of Commissioners.

There was one finding to report. The District prepared a detailed budget for 2016 and 2017 and monitored the budget throughout the year. However, the District did not present its 2017 budget in the format prescribed by the Local Budget Act LRS 39:1305, nor did it include the required budget message. The Director has since made this correction.

Bruce Harrell has left the meeting.

The letter from the Tangipahoa Parish Council stating Dr. Bill Wheat and Sunny Ryerson has been re-appointed, was read aloud.

Election of Officers - Mr. Caliva opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Wheat as Chairman of the Board. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Ms. Ryerson made a motion to vote to close the nominations. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Mr. Wells absent.

The meeting was turned over to the new Chairman, Bill Wheat.

Mr. Caliva nominated Mr. DeBlieux as Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Mr. Jones moved to close the nominations. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Mr. Wells absent.

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**Mr. Jones nominated Ms. Ryerson as Secretary of the Board. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Mr. DeBlieux moved to close the nominations. Mr. Caliva seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Graziano and Mr. Wells absent.**

**Mr. Wheat expressed his thanks to the previous officers for their services to the Board last year.**

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

**Mr. Caliva made a motion to accept the auditor's report as presented. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat - yea; Mr. Graziano and Mr. Wells absent.**

**Discuss and Adopt Pay Rate Adjustment for Lead Driver – Mr. Walette reviewed the duties of the lead driver and recommended an adjusted pay rate for those additional duties. The Commissioners requested Mr. Walette to prepare a lead driver job description with the recommended pay rate to present at the next scheduled meeting.**

**Program Update – Colby Colona provided the surveillance report. The trap counts have been lower. Statewide, West Nile Virus activity has been more active this year than in past years. To date, there have been no human cases reported within the District or Tangipahoa Parish.**

**At the end of June, the molecular diagnostic equipment for the lab was received and installed. Ms. Colona and Ms. Spano completed training on this equipment mid-July. This equipment will allow the District to perform diagnostic testing on mosquito samples in-house during peak virus activity times enabling the District to provide treatment to those problem areas in a more timely fashion.**

**Mr. Walette reported that the District has signed a cooperative agreement with St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District for aerial spraying.**

**We are currently second on the list at the Hammond Airport to rent our own hanger.**

**Our fiscal agency contract will expire December 31, 2018. We will advertise for bids at the end of August with the bid opening to be held in September. The Board of Commissioners will award the contract at the October meeting.**

**Ms. Giannoble has left the meeting.**

**Review Financial Statement – Mr. Walette reviewed the statement with the Board. The financial statements from Anthony B. Baglio, CPA were also available to review.**

**2019 Draft Budget Preview – Mr. Walette presented the 2019 draft budget to the Board for their review. A comparative of the 2018 budget and the 2019 budget will be emailed to the Board at least two weeks prior to the October meeting. The budget will be reviewed in detail at the October meeting.**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Bill Wheat, Chairman**

**/s/Sunny Ryerson, Secretary**

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

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