

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5:30 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 - absent	Bill Wheat – absent
Philip Graziano Jr. - present	

Also Present: Bruce Harrell, Debbie Edwards, 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 2016 to the Board of Commissioners.

Colby Colona, Bill Wheat, Deek Deblieux are now in attendance.

There was one finding to report. The District prepared a detailed budget for 2015 and 2016 and monitored the budget throughout the year. However, the District did not present its 2015 budget in the format prescribed by the Local Budget Act LRS 39:1305, nor did it include the required budget message. The District will work with their accountant to correct this.

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

Bruce Harrell has left the meeting.

Mr. Wheat made a motion to accept the June 14th meeting minutes. Mr. Deblieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Election of Officers - Ms. Ryerson opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Caliva as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, vote was taken. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

The meeting was turned over to new chairman, Bruce Caliva.

Mr. Graziano nominated Mr. Wheat as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Deblieux seconded the motion. Mr. Jones moved to close the nominations. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Ms. Ryerson nominated Mr. Deblieux as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Mr. Jones moved to close the nominations. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

Program Update – Mr. Walette provided his report.

Colby Colona provided the surveillance report. Due to the extensive rain and floodwaters this season, the District has experienced a higher number of the more aggressive mosquitoes. In July, we submitted 1362 mosquito pools for testing with four of these positive for West Nile Virus activity. In comparison to last year in July, 1200 mosquito pools had been submitted with one positive for WNV. There have been no human cases to date.

The District is also working with LSU on a co-operative project to better document container breeding species across Louisiana. Ovitrap have been set out and the germination papers are collected weekly to obtain egg rafts. The papers are then sent to the lab at LSU.

Three aerial sprays for mosquitoes were conducted in the month of July.

2018 Draft Budget Preview – Mr. Walette presented the 2018 draft budget to the Board for their review. The budget will be reviewed in detail at the October meeting.

Surplus Equipment – Mr. Walette stated that the office copier had not been operating properly and had to be replaced. Also after the completion of the building expansion, the sofa from the old conference room is no longer needed.

Mr. Jones made a motion to surplus the copier and the sofa and authorize Mr. Walette to place them on GovDeals.com to be sold. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Caliva – yea, Mr. Deblieux – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat - yea; Mr. Chappell absent.

Mr. Deblieux wanted to thank the past Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary for their service to the board.

Mr. Wheat made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Chappell absent.

ATTEST:

/s/Bruce Caliva, Chairman

/s/Deek Deblieux, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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