

**TANGIPAOHA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING, AUGUST 10, 2016**

The public hearing of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA. Chairman, Larry ‘Pete’ Jones called the hearing to order.

No public in attendance.

The public hearing was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The public meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Larry ‘Pete’ Jones.

Roll call was as follows:

Bruce Caliva – absent

Pete Jones - present

Chris Chappell – present

Sunny Ryerson - present

Deek Deblieux – present

Bill Wheat - present

Philip Graziano Jr. - present

Also Present: Bruce Harrell, Douglas Curet, Colby Colons, Dennis Walette, and Cheri Vining

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

Mr. Graziano nominated Ms. Ryerson 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. Caliva absent.

Debbie Edwards is now in attendance.

The meeting was turned over to new chairman, Sunny Ryerson.

Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Caliva as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Mr. Graziano moved to accept Mr. Caliva as Vice Chairman. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Caliva absent.

Ms. Jones nominated Mr. Graziano as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Chappell seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, Mr. Jones moved to accept Mr. Graziano as Secretary. Mr. Wheat seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Caliva absent.

Adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2016 – Mr. Wheat made a motion to adopt Resolution 1 as read to the Board to adopt the adjusted millage rate for 2016 at 4.98 mills. Mr. Graziano seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll call vote as follows: Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Chappell – yea, Mr. Deblieux – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Caliva absent.

Set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward the millage to a rate not to exceed the prior year’s maximum millage for the tax year 2016 – Mr. Graziano made a motion to

accept Resolution 2 as read to the Board to set the millage for 2016 at 5.00 mills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed. Roll call vote as follows: Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Graziano – yea, Mr. Chappell – yea, Mr. Deblieux – yea, Mr. Jones – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea; Mr. Caliva absent.

Auditor's Report – Bruce Harrell with Bruce Harrell & Company Certified Public Accountants presented their Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2015 to the Board of Commissioners.

There were no findings to report.

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

Mr. Graziano made a motion to accept the June 8th meeting minutes. Mr. Deblieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays; Mr. Caliva and Mr. Wheat absent.

Aircraft Operations – Discussion of observer requirements. Mr. Walette will obtain additional information requested by the Board and present at the next scheduled meeting.

Personnel Manual – The Board discussed some revisions/updates to be made to the Personnel Manual. Mr. Walette will prepare and email a draft revision to the Board for review prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Building Plans – There will be a pre-bid meeting held at the District office Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The sealed bid opening will be August 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the District office.

Program Update – Mr. Walette presented his report. To date, there have been four horses that have tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. We have not had any mosquito pools that have tested positive for EEE.

Of the 1,231 mosquito pools submitted for testing, there has only been one positive mosquito pool for the West Nile Virus.

Zika virus - Mr. Walette spoke at the Hammond Rotary meeting on Tuesday with information regarding the Zika virus.

The District's financial statement was reviewed.

2017 Draft Budget Preview – Mr. Walette presented the 2017 draft budget to the Board for their review. The budget will be reviewed in detail at the October meeting.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sunny Ryerson, Chairman

/s/Philip Graziano, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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