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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, August 14, 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:

Deek DeBlieux – present	Sunny Ryerson – present
Debbie Edwards – present	Bill Wheat - present
Cecilia Giannobile – present	Jimmy Wolfe – present
Ricky Mannino - present	

Also Present: Councilman Louis Joseph, Bruce Harrell, Douglas Curet, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining.

Chairman Wheat introduced Councilman Louis Joseph. Councilman Joseph came to the meeting to obtain general information regarding what steps would need to be made for his council district to become a part of the Mosquito Abatement District or to form their own District. After discussion, he determined he was going to meet with the councils of the municipalities within his district to poll their support and interest. He thanked all of the commissioners and District personnel for their time, the information and discussion.

Councilman Joseph has left the meeting.

Chairman Wheat moved agenda item #3 - the election of officers to the next to last item on the agenda.

Auditor's Report – Bruce Harrell with Bruce Harrell & Company Certified Public Accountants presented their Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 2018 to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the auditor's report as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – Yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Bruce Harrell has left the meeting.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to accept the June 12th meeting minutes as amended. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Director's Report – Ms. Colona provided the surveillance report. Trap counts have been low, but with the rain in the past couple of days, we are expecting an increase. To date, over 1,300 samples have been submitted to LSU for testing with only one positive for WNV. In house, we have tested 84 samples tested with none of those testing positive.

Mr. Walette continued the Director's report.

In the state of Louisiana to date, there have been 94 samples testing positive - 89 for West Nile Virus, 4 for St. Louis Encephalitis, and 1 Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The generator has been installed. We are currently waiting for Atmos to install the gas line to it.

New night vision goggles have been purchased for our aerial spray missions.

In the latest edition of Wing Beats magazine published by the Florida Mosquito Control Association, the District received recognition of their participation in the EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP). We are one of only eleven mosquito abatement districts or programs participating in the country and the only district/program in the state of Louisiana.

The District will have a booth at Hot August Nights in Hammond on August 23rd. Employees will be on hand to answer questions, pass out brochures and information, as well as distributing samples of mosquito repellant. One of our trucks used to larvicide will also be on display.

Mr. Walette has received notification from the American Mosquito Control Association that he is one of two nominees for Vice President of the AMCA.

Mr. Walette had an item to bring up that was not on the agenda. Anthony Lamonte, Mayor for the Village of Tickfaw had called Mr. Walette to discuss where they could purchase a new spray rig, as theirs is inoperable due to a fire. Mr. Walette wanted to discuss with the Board the possibility of the District selling a new spray rig that the District has had for a long time, but does not use, to them.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to modify the agenda to include the discussion of selling an unused spray rig to the Village of Tickfaw. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – Yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to sell the new, unused spray rig to the Village of Tickfaw through an intergovernmental agreement. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – Yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Review Financial Statement

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Select Notification System

Mr. Walette reviewed the highlights and cost of the mass notification systems that the District had received demos for and made his recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Edwards made a motion to accept Regroup for the District's mass notification system for a period of one year. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. DeBlieux –

yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Ms. Giannobile – Yea, Mr. Mannino – yea, Ms. Ryerson – yea, Mr. Wheat – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea. Motion passed.

Declare Items as Surplus

Mr. Walette presented a list of items to be declared as surplus.

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to declare items as surplus. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Authorize Director to sell those items on GovDeals Auctions

Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to authorize Mr. Walette to sell the surplus items on GovDeals Auctions. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Presentation and Discussion of 2020 Draft Budget

Mr. Walette reviewed the draft budget highlights. The Board will review for the next scheduled meeting.

Election of Officers

Mr. Wheat nominated Mr. DeBlieux as Chairman. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Mr. Wheat asked for any other nominations. There were no other nominations made. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Mr. DeBlieux nominated Ms. Ryerson as Vice Chairman. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Wheat asked for any other nominations. There were no other nominations made. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Mr. DeBlieux nominated Ms. Edwards as Secretary. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Mr. Wheat asked for any other nominations. There were no other nominations made. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Mr. Wheat expressed his thanks to the Board of Commissioners for allowing him to hold the position of chairman and for their support.

Before turning the meeting over to the new chairman, Mr. Wheat announced that the District's legal counsel, Douglas Curet, was resigning and this would be his last meeting.

Mr. Curet stated that he has enjoyed every moment and feels quite a bit has been accomplished over the years and that the District is on great footing for the future.

All commissioners and personnel in attendance thanked Mr. Curet for his service, leadership, and guidance over the years.

Mr. DeBlieux wanted to thank Mr. Wheat for his leadership and service as chairman, as did all commissioners and personnel in attendance.

Ms. Ryerson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

ATTEST:

/s/Deek DeBlieux, Chairman

/s/Debbie Edwards, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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