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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, OCTOBER 9, 2019**

A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Deek DeBlieux called the hearing for the 2020 Budget to order.

Commissioners in attendance – Deek DeBlieux, Cecilia Giannobile, Ricky Mannino, and Bill Wheat

Also present - Dennis Walette, Colby Colona and Cheri Vining

There was no public in attendance.

Mr. Wolfe is now in attendance (5:05 p.m.)

Mr. Wheat made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 5:15 p.m., as there was no public in attendance. Ms. Giannobile seconded the motion. Carried.

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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.

Chairman Deek DeBlieux 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: Dennis Walette, Colby Colona and Cheri Vining

Mr. Wheat made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 14th. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays.

Public Comment – None.

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Program Update

Assistant Director's Report – Ms. Colona provided the surveillance report. Currently trap counts are low. To date, this has been a light year for disease activity. Nearly 1800 mosquito pool samples have been submitted for testing, with only 4 samples testing positive for West Nile Virus and one sample testing positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Of the 126 mosquito pools tested in house, there were no positives. Within the state, there have been 16 human cases confirmed to date.

On October 2nd, the District had a booth for Children's Day at the Tangipahoa Parish Fair in Amite. Ms. Colona and Ms. Spano, one of our mosquito control inspectors, were on hand to provide information to the children and teachers.

On September 17th, this year's class of Leadership Tangipahoa made a visit to the District.

On September 25th, Ms. Colona gave a talk to the Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS) at Southeastern Louisiana University.

The District and its employees recently participated in a droplet deposition testing over five nights within a two-week period. The data was collected for an independent agent who will report the results to the EPA.

A cage test was conducted on October 8th for a new adulticide insecticide.

Ms. Colona is currently serving on an insecticide resistance committee. Their goal is to establish state wide guidelines for determining pesticide resistance.

Director's Report - Mr. Walette reviewed the arboviral report with the commissioners.

As previously mentioned, he reported on the District's participation in the droplet deposition testing and the cage test.

A new signature card has been completed by the commissioners with our bank.

The new mass notification program has not been fully implemented yet. Database entry is ongoing.

The sale of assets through GovDeals brought in \$28,860.46.

Mr. Walette is a nominee for vice president of the American Mosquito Control Association. Voting will be completed at the end of October.

Mr. Walette has been asked to attend a DEQ meeting which will be held next week.

Our newest inspector has received all certifications and completed his probationary period. Mr. Walette made a request to the Board to allow this employee a take home vehicle as

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other eligible employees have. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the Director's request. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas; no nays.

Information was presented and discussed Echo 360. The commissioners declined to accept their proposal.

Review Financial Statement

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report.

Discuss and Appoint Legal Counsel

Deek DeBlieux, Bill Wheat and Dennis Walette were appointed to a committee meet with the attorney interested in providing legal counsel to the District.

Mr. Mannino made a motion to authorize the committee to offer up to \$500 per meeting, if necessary, whether by a per hour fee or a set amount, and to authorize the committee to make the decision of who will be the legal counsel for the District. Ms. Ryerson 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.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #1901 – This would amend the 2019 budget by transferring \$2,125 from the Vehicle category to the following: Aerial Insurance category (\$125), Office Supplies category (\$500) and Cell Phone category (\$1,500).

Mr. Wheat made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #1901 as stated. Ms. Edwards 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.

Adopt Budget Ordinance #1902 – This ordinance adopts the budget for 2020 as presented. Ms. Edwards made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #1902 as stated. 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.

AMCA Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association will be held in Portland, OR from March 16th – 20th, 2020. There was discussion regarding the new commissioners and that this meeting would provide extremely beneficial information regarding all aspects of operational mosquito abatement activities.

Mr. Wheat made a motion to extend an invitation to the four new commissioners on the board to attend this meeting. Ms. Ryerson seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, with Mr. Mannino abstaining.

Mr. Walette asked everyone to please give this consideration and would like to know who will be attending by the next meeting in December so that the necessary arrangements and registrations may be made.

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

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ATTEST:

/s/Deek DeBlieux, Chairman

/s/Debbie Edwards, Secretary

/s/Cheri Vining, Recording Secretary

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