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**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

**A public hearing of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.**

**Chairman Jimmy Wolfe called the hearing for the 2022 Budget to order at 5:04 p.m.**

**Commissioners in attendance – Philip Bankston, Deek DeBlieux, Debbie Edwards, Erin Horzelski and Jimmy Wolfe**

**Also present - Dennis Walette, Frank DiVittorio, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining**

**As there was no public in attendance, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

**TANGIPAHOA MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, of the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1, was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 15483 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA.**

**Chairman Jimmy Wolfe called the meeting to order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call was as follows:**

**Philip Bankston – present**

**Deek DeBlieux – present**

**Debbie Edwards – present**

**James Harper – present**

**Erin Horzelski - present**

**Ricky Mannino – absent**

**Jimmy Wolfe – present**

**Also Present: Frank DiVittorio, Dennis Walette, Colby Colona, and Cheri Vining**

**Ms. Edwards made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 11th. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Motion passed – all yeas, no nays, Mr. Mannino absent.**

**Public Comment – None.**

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**Program Update**

**Assistant Director's Report** – Ms. Colona provided the surveillance report. We have been experiencing a spike in mosquito populations due to Hurricane Ida as well as this is the time of year that we typically see an increase due to slightly cooler weather. Hurricane Ida provided more floodwater species which are a more aggressive species. There have been no West Nile Virus positive mosquito pools since August. To date, we have tested over 1500 mosquito pool samples in our lab and at LSU. There have been no human West Nile Virus cases within the District. Statewide there have been 19 human cases consisting of 14 neuroinvasive and 5 fever.

**Director's Report** - Mr. Walette provided his report.

Immediately after Hurricane Ida, nightly spraying with the trucks was not possible due to unsafe road conditions and many employees were personally impacted by the storm. The District office functioned on generator power for 2 weeks.

We have completed aerial spray missions on September 10th – 11th, which covered the entire District (145,000 acres) and September 30th – October 1st, which covered everything south of I-12 (47,000 acres), under a contingency contract. The District airplane conducted an aerial spray mission on October 8<sup>th</sup> which covered everything south of Highway 22 (13,000 acres).

We will have the District plane on display and a booth at the Hammond Airshow, October 16th – 17th at the Hammond Airport.

Our annual audit is still ongoing.

Surplus items that were listed on GovDeals Auctions completed yesterday.

Leadership Tangipahoa will be visiting our office on Tuesday, October 19th.

Next month, Mr. Walette, as President Elect of the American Mosquito Control Association, will attend the AMCA Interim Board Meeting and the Florida Mosquito Control Association annual meeting, where he will provide a presentation.

**Review Financial Statement**

Mr. Walette reviewed the financial report.

Mr. Harper made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. DeBlieux seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passes.

**Hangar Discussion**

Commissioners would like a better idea of a true cost to construct the hangar. Mr. Walette will contact engineers and report data back to the Board.

**Authorize Extension of Fiscal Agent Contract**

Mr. Walette informed the Board that our fiscal agent contract was up for renewal at the end of this year. We have the option to extend the contract for one year with Board approval.

Ms. Edwards made a motion to extend the fiscal agent contract with our current financial institution for one year. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr.

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**Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passes.**

**Approve Commitment of Fund Balance**

**Mr. Walette presented his recommendations for committing a portion of our fund balance for 2021. They are as follows:**

**Larger aircraft for aerial mosquito control spraying - \$800,000**

**Construction of aircraft hangar - \$300,000**

**Emergency reserves – mosquito control chemicals - \$500,000**

**Emergency aerial spraying - \$500,000**

**Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to approve the commitment of funds presented. Ms. Horzelski seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passes.**

**Adopt Budget Ordinance #2101 – Ms. Edwards made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2021 amending the 2021 budget, as presented. Mr. Bankston seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passes.**

**Adopt Budget Ordinance #2102 – Mr. DeBlieux made a motion to adopt Budget Ordinance #2002 as presented. Mr. Harper seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bankston – yea, Mr. DeBlieux – yea, Ms. Edwards – yea, Mr. Harper – yea, Ms. Horzelski – yea, and Mr. Wolfe – yea; Mr. Mannino absent. Motion passes.**

**AMCA Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association will be held in Jacksonville, FL from February 28th – March 4th, 2022.**

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

**ATTEST:**

**/s/Jimmy Wolfe, Chairman**

**/s/Ricky Mannino, Secretary**

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

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