

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 29, 2026

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 11:18 AM. Present were Commissioners Traina-Dorge, Boyer and Klotzbach, Deputy Directors Isik Unlu, Jennifer Bushnell, and Josh Foulon, Finance Director Chad Simon, HR and Office Manager Sarah Malasovich, and Executive Director Kevin Caillouet.
2. Public Comment – No other members of the public were present.
3. Discussion –
 - a. Recruiting and Hiring Process – Office and HR Manager Sarah Malasovich presented statistics on diversity, comparing the district to the parish as a whole. Additionally, she explained the hiring cycle of the district, including outreach for candidate pools, redaction of protected class information from resumes and cover letters, next step screening for MVR, and passing the candidate to the hiring manager or committee for review. Discussion ensued and the board stated they were in support of the process flow, especially in the District’s commitment to further engage all area universities and colleges with a focus on HBCU engagement and relationships.
 - b. Research Entomologist 2025 Summary – Deputy Director Dr. Isik Unlu presented an update on her research projects and how the projects evolved, discussing barrier treatments, larvicide products, and research on biting midges (*Culicoides*), including the budgets for each project as well. She described the process of each experiment. Additional discussion ensued regarding other and potential projects. The board commended Dr. Unlu on her efforts.
 - c. Performance Measures – Executive Director Dr. Kevin Caillouet presented operational and development goals and performance measures that have been defined by the District leadership, including a mission, action, vision and values statement. Dr. Caillouet asked the board to review these goals and make suggestions and vote on this document at a future meeting.

Campaign cards were distributed to the Commissioners to assist with talking points and contact information for the residents as needed. Outreach Director Jennifer Bushnell encouraged them to also share the cards with advocates as available.

4. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. was made by Commissioner Boyer, seconded by Commissioner Klotzbach, and carried.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary/Treasurer