

# Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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## DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, June 8, 2017

Next Meeting(s): Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 6:00 PM

## MINUTES

The regular Board meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 6:00 PM

Board members in attendance:

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairperson  
Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Vice-Chairperson  
Mrs. Jeanne Moeller, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mrs. Gina LeBlanc, Commissioner  
Mrs. Jacqueline Rock, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director  
Mr. Wayne E. Flowers, Attorney

Chairperson Howell called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Howell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Chairperson Howell noted ~ All were present.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** For Items not on the Agenda ~ there was none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairperson Howell called for approval of the Agenda.

**A. A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented.**

- Motioned by: Commissioner Moeller
- Seconded by: Commissioner Brandhorst
- VOTE accepted unanimously by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Chairperson Howell called for approval of the Consent Agenda.

**A. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

- Motioned by: Commissioner Moeller
- Seconded by: Commissioner Brandhorst
- VOTE: Accepted unanimously by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Items ~ APPROVAL OF:**

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Vouchers (*Cancelled Checks*)
3. Chemical Inventory
4. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.
5. Budget Amendments ~ Receipts (Grants and Salvage) \$15,028 / Expenditures \$15,028

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 1: DOWNTOWN ST. AUGUSTINE ERADICATION PLAN (of *Aedes aegypti*) UPDATE ~ Dr. Daniel Dixon**

- Dr. Dixon stated we have 5-6 teams that go to various areas in downtown St. Augustine looking for artificial containers, plants, etc. and they are documenting information and will use the information to form a map for hot spots. They are finding a lot of *Aedes aegypti* downtown and are treating with BTI for larvae and Aqualure 20/20 for adults. They talk to and educate everyone as they go.
  - **THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM.**

**Item 2: AMCA WASHINGTON, DC, LEGISLATION MEETING REPORT ~ Commissioners' Jeanne Moeller and Jacqueline Rock**

- Happy to have worked with Ms. Flo Jones who has 19 years of experience as a mosquito control Director and the dedicated young men and women aides. They saw Representatives and this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year they spoke to Representative L.C. Hastings from South Florida who changed his mind this year and would support us getting away from NPDES permitting which is a duplication for us since we are already under FIFRA. The Representatives indicated that we probably would not get the money that we asked for unless we partnered with the Department of Defense.
  - **THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1: AMCD as AMCA/CDC CONTRACT TRAINING HOST and ACTIVITY UPDATE REPORT (Ppt) ~ Dr. Rui-De Xue**

- Dr. Xue stated: the training is a country wide program and there is 1 host from a university but all others are from local mosquito control districts. Each of the 10 Hub Hosts train two master trainers, AMCD was Dr. Xue and Mr. Christopher Bibbs, they then train 50-75 people. The AMCA website will make the training and test available, and ability to print the certification. AMCA reimbursed AMCD for materials, food, time, etc. for the 7 trainings already done and will all costs for future trainings at AMCD. They picked AMCD for this because of our past training Ph.D. students and intern students, the annual national AMCD Workshops, and the AMCD Publications. The benefit to AMCD is it enhances our IMM Program and training progress, increases outside collaboration, and brings more visitors for local businesses, and promotes AMCD's reputation. There was discussion for staff to speak with City and County officials for the possible ban of Bromeliads.
  - **THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM**

**Item 2: FY 2017/2018 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION ~ Board of Commissioners, Dr. Rui-De Xue, and Mr. Scott Hanna (Please bring Draft Budget Books)**

- Dr. Xue explained: we kept the budget the same as last year with the exception of the construction project, we are not increasing the millage, and have 2 million in reserves. There was no comment from Commissioners on any changes to the draft budget. There was a question on having our

board meeting videos published for the public to view. Dr. Xue stated we have this in our budget and will gather information and present it back to the Board in the next few months.

- **THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM.**

**REPORTS:**

1. **Director** ~ Dr. Xue: there are a lot of areas that are still dry, there are 2 Zika imported travel cases, intern projects have begun, all seasonal and intern employees training is completed, thanked staff for the time he was gone for two weeks in China, as they all worked together and did a great job.
2. **Attorney** ~ Mr. Flowers: the closing of the 500 Old Beach Road property was completed last month and all went well, the Legislature did an amendment to the Public Records Act – the remedy was that the attorney fees are at the discretion of the judge and that they can charge the attorneys that are requesting records if they don't follow the law property.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Moeller** ~ since we already voted at some point for the North Station property to be sold, when we have time, we need to look for a realtor and/or put this out for sale.

**Commissioner Howell** ~ thanked the ladies on the Board, of the emails that he received on complaints of mosquitoes, his response afterward was the AMCD personnel have been doing an outstanding job, on Facebooks St. Augustine Rant and Rave, has seen where they expressed the great job that AMCD personnel are doing.

**Commissioner Brandhorst** ~ loved Dr. Xue's presentation, it was very informative and a good basis of knowledge, appreciates staff's hard work.

**Commissioner LeBlanc** ~ thanked staff, enjoyed Dr. Xue's presentation, it was good knowledge and we are going in the right direction.

**Commissioner Rock** ~ Thanked all for their hard work, and for the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., and thanked Dr. Xue for his report.

**ATTACHMENTS:** ~ None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

**ATTEST**

  
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**Chairperson, Commissioner Gary Howell**

  
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**Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Jeanne Moeller**

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