

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, September 28, 2017

Next Meeting(s): Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

The Final Public Hearing meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed at this time.

BUSINESS:

Item 1: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2017-02 and FINAL MILLAGE RATE at 0.2150 for FY17/18

A. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2017-02 and the final Millage rate at 0.2150 for FY17/18 as presented.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Brandhorst
- Motion Seconded by: Commissioner LeBlanc
- VOTE accepted by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the need to keep the millage at 0.2150 based on two hurricanes this fiscal year (Matthew - October 2016 and Irma this year - September 2017); looking into the possible need of having our own aerial program due to the fact that our contracted companies could not spray during the last two situations when we needed them to; possibly purchasing a used helicopter from Lee County; and hiring a pilot.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. William E. Rossignol, 230 Big Oak Road, St. Augustine, FL came in to the meeting late and requested to speak:
 - ❖ **By a consensus of the Board, they agreed to allow Mr. Rossignol to speak, even though the Public Comment portion of the meeting had been closed.**
 - Accepted by Commissioners' Rock, Moeller, Howell, Leblanc
 - Opposed by Commissioner Brandhorst
 - **Passed 4:1**
- Mr. Rossignol stated that we are in a bad situation because of the storm. He is upset that the sanctuaries and wetlands can't be sprayed because of the mosquitoes there and is in favor of us spraying to take care of mosquitoes as they may carry diseases.

Item 2: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2017-03 and CERTIFIED BUDGET for FY17/18

(Deadline September 30, 2017)

A. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2017-03 and the Certified Budget for FY17/18 as presented.

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

BOARD COMMENTS:

- **Commissioner Howell:** Suggested to the other commissioners that for their concerns on the thermal fogging, meetings to educate the organic farmers, bee keepers, and the public, and complaints for bald eagles, etc., to discuss these items with Dr. Xue and then bring it back to the board as an agenda item. Thanked the staff for their continued hard work and stated "the people that do the work come up with the best ideas".
- **Commissioner Brandhorst:** Would like to investigate changing all our trucks to thermal fogging.
- **Commissioner Rock:** We are in hurricane recovery and the public comment on social media has been more in favor after Hurricane Irma than it was after Hurricane Matthew. We are on the right path to educate our constituents but would like to set up a day for a meeting here to invite the bee keepers, and those of the public that didn't want us to aerial spray and don't understand what we do and have our education specialist, scientists and director to help educate them.
- **Commissioner Moeller:** Thanked the professional staff, inspector/sprayers and technicians working 6-7 days a week, as well as staff answering phones; mentioned the Open House that we have had in June that would be the place to invite people to educate on who we are and what we do.
- **Commissioner LeBlanc:** Thanked the staff for all they do and working the long weeks and nights.

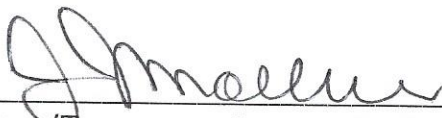
ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

ATTEST



Chairperson, Commissioner Gary Howell



Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Jeanne Moeller

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