

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, October 18, 2018

Next Meeting(s): Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular Board meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 5:00 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairperson
Mrs. Gina LeBlanc, Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. Jacqueline Rock, Secretary/Treasurer (*arrived at 5:03 P.M. due to traffic*)
Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner
Mrs. Jeanne Moeller, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director
Mr. Wayne Flowers, Attorney (*arrived at 5:05 P.M. due to traffic*)
Mr. Peter Paul Leone III, Volusia County Mosquito Control
Mr. Brad Gunn, Beach Mosquito Control

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 ~ Noted all were present except Commissioner Rock, who then arrived at 5:03 P.M.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: For Items not on the Agenda ~ 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: Board Meeting(s) –
 - a. September 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM ~ Regular Meeting
 - b. September 13, 2018 at 5:30 PM ~ First Public Hearing
 - c. September 27, 2018 at 5:30 PM ~ Final Public Hearing
5. AMCA Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, February 25 – March 2, 2019 & FMCA Dodd Short Courses (all 5 Commissioners), February 4-8, 2019, Gainesville, FL
6. Winter Work Hours
7. Christmas Bonus Checks
8. Helicopter Fuel Supply Agreement
9. Radar Altimeter RFP
10. Annual Physical Inventory Report
11. Contract Renewal for Vector Disease Control International (for large area aerial spray)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 1: Appreciation and Plaques to Aerial Consultants, Mr. Brad Gunn and Mr. Peter Paul Leone

~ Dr. Rui-De Xue and Board Members (5 min)

- Dr. Xue stated the committee meets once a month, these gentlemen joined the committee in December 2017, they helped to push our air program forward, AMCD appreciates their contributions; Dr. Xue then presented the plaque of appreciation to each of them and pictures were taken with them, Dr. Xue, and the Board members.

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

Item 2: Mosquito Mate Project Presentation (Ppt) ~ Dr. Daniel Dixon (15 min)

- Dr. Daniel Dixon presented a PowerPoint on the Mosquito Mate Project; *Wolbachia* causes incompatibility in reproduction, pathogen interference and reduced lifespans. Mosquito Mate's goal for the release of these was in hopes that the species population would be reduced in time. 120,000 male mosquitoes were released per week for a total of 1.5 million mosquitoes May through August 2018. The project resulted in a decreased hatch rate from the treatment area and the *Aedes albopictus* population was reduced relative to pre-release amounts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Director's Evaluation Results and Salary Discussion ~ Mr. Wayne Flowers (10 min)

- Mr. Flowers stated that per AMCD policy, he submitted his letter of the results and it is to be read by the Chairperson with no further discussion on the evaluation and that the Board is permitted by the policy to discuss a raise when the score is 90% or higher, of which Dr. Xue's overall score was 98.39. Dr. Xue stated

that he would like to request that he not be given a raise, other than the cost of living raise as all other employees received through the approved budget, and that the money be spent for the employees and that he appreciated the high scores on his evaluation.

A. A motion was made to approve a 3% Cost of Living raise for Dr. Xue.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Brandhorst
- **MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.**

Other Board members stated that Dr. Xue already gets the 2% Cost of Living increase that the other employees receive, as approved in the FY18/19 budget.

B. A motion was made to approve a 2% Cost of Living increase and a 2% Merit Raise for Dr. Xue.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Brandhorst
- **MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.**

Other Board members again stated that Dr. Xue already gets the 2% Cost of Living increase that the other employees receive, as approved in the FY18/19 budget and that they should respect Dr. Xue's request to not give him a raise this year as there are many projects Dr. Xue would like to see completed that the money can be used for, such as, the construction project and the aerial program.

Item 2: Building Disease Vector Museum Discussion ~ Dr. Rui-De Xue (10 min)

➤ Dr. Xue stated there is no Vector Disease Museum in Florida, he would like to have the Board approve building one here on our South Parcel. His requested the Board approve the District to pay for the building for \$350,000 and then the authority for Dr. Xue and staff to contact the Bill Gates Foundation, local travel agencies, government agencies, and private businesses for donations and fund raising for the \$400,000 to \$500,000 for displays and equipment. All commissioners support the museum; there was concern that as we are just starting the aerial program and are in the middle of the construction project and now is not the time for another project. Dr. Xue stated he would like to do this in the budget for FY 19/20. Mr. Scott Hanna stated that per IRS, Section 170, we can take donations and tax deductions for donors but we would have to set up a separate account such as a proprietary or grant fund account, he didn't think we could over see a 5013C plan. Mr. Flowers stated there were legal issues that do need to be looked at concerning this project, including the existing zoning, the non-profit status, as well as other legal issues.

A. A motion was made to approve a preliminary concept proposal of a working plan to begin building the museum, not putting out an RFP or any money at this time.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Rock
- Seconded by: Commissioner LeBlanc

B. The motion was amended to approve having a conceptualized detailed plan done and for it to be presented back to the board regarding the building of the Vector Disease Museum project.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Rock
- Seconded by: Commissioner LeBlanc
- VOTE accepted unanimously by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 3: Appreciation for Commissioner Rock (2017 and 2018 as a Commissioner) ~ Board Members (5 min)

➤ Chairperson Howell presented a plaque to Commissioner Rock thanking her for her service and dedication as a commissioner to the District in 2017 and 2018. Commissioner Rock's resignation is December 2, 2018. Pictures were taken with the Board and Commissioner Rock thanked everyone.

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

REPORTS:

1. **Director** ~ Dr. Xue stated that in St. Johns County, there are 2 EEE positive horses, 39 positive EEE sentinel chickens, 15 positive WNV sentinel chickens, and no human cases; however, in Jacksonville there are 7 human cases this year; the season will be over in 2-3 weeks; we had an all employee training today where four of our visiting scientists gave a talk, one from Mexico, one from Egypt and two from Wuxi CDC, China, as well as 1 intern who is grant funded from UF and USDA; we received a \$44,000 grant check from SpringStar for the AGO trap project; this year's SOVE meeting that was held last week was the largest so far with 255 registrations and 66 presentations from 16 countries; Mr. Peter Paul Leone accepted our pilot position and will start next Monday.
2. **Attorney** ~ Mr. Flowers stated he had nothing further to add this month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Moeller ~ last week's SOVE meeting was very informative, during the breakfast at the SOVE meeting it was noted that there were 65 women in Mosquito Control Science; she and Dr. Xue visited a consolidated abatement District there.

Commissioner Howell ~ announced that there is no November meeting due to the FMCA annual meeting, our next Board meeting is December 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM, we will get a new Commissioner of Agriculture in November, we are here to protect and to serve and that the aerial program will be very viable here, he appreciates everyone's attendance today.

Commissioner Brandhorst ~ appreciates all the work staff did for putting things together for the September regular meeting and public hearings.

Commissioner LeBlanc ~ thanked staff for all they do and thanked Ms. Molly Clark for her presentation and tour that she did for Commissioner LeBlanc's school class.

Commissioner Rock ~ thanked staff, the inspectors, everyone who presented at the all employee meeting, and Mr. Bibbs on his travel to Australia and his presentation today, she extended her deepest appreciation to everyone who works in our District.


ATTACHMENTS: ~

1. Update on Commissioner Seat 3 Appointment: One additional application submitted that AMCD was copied on, Mr. Peter Miele.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST



Chairperson, Commissioner Gary Howell



Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Gina LeBlanc
(Sec./Treasurer-Commissioner Rock resigned 12-2-18)

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