

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, September 23, 2021

Next Meeting(s): Final Public Hearing; Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Regular Mtg.; Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The special Board meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 P.M. for the second Public Hearing.

Board members in attendance:

Mrs. Jeanne Moeller, Chairperson
Mrs. Trish Becker, Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. Gina LeBlanc, Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner (on phone)
Ms. Gayle Gardner, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

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

Chairperson Moeller called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Becker Led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Moeller noted ~ Commissioner LeBlanc, Becker, Gardner and Herself were present and Brandhorst should be calling in.

- Commissioner Brandhorst arrived at 5:02 P.M via phone.

BUSINESS:

Item 1: Discussion and Approval of Helicopter Incident, Repair and Insurance

- Mr. Wayne Flowers started his update report to the board stating that his understanding of the question the Board is pondering is the extent to which it would authorize repairs to the helicopter in advance of getting payment from the insurance company. Mr. Flowers stated he had not had any direct communication with the insurance company but he had reviewed the letter from the insurance company “Chub”. He explained that in the letter the insurance company is willing to

take responsibility for the damage that occurred recognizing the limits of coverage of \$800,00.00 less the deductible of \$20,000.00. Mr. Flowers also stated he reviewed the policy and there are two important parts to that, the policy requires that a claim have a sworn statement and proof of loss be submitted within sixty days of the occurrence of the damage. Mr. Flowers was unsure if this document had been filed but that the due date is October 13th, he also did not know if that date could be extended or needed to be extended but if so, it should be in writing. Mr. Flowers went on that the insurance company will pay for the loss within sixty days of providing the proof of loss document if they agree that the accident is covered. Mr. Flowers then explained that the insurance company would not deny the whole claim but might not allow certain repair elements because the need for repair or replacement might be due to other causes. Mr. Flowers then explained that if AMCD does not agree with the insurance companies' assessment the Board could sue the districts, he went on to explain that there is a twelve-month limit on filing a suite. Mr. Flowers then noted that AMCD paying for repairs before reimbursement would affect their legal obligation or willingness to pay for the damage caused by the accident. He then did say that documenting what damage occurred from the accident and having all the documents necessary is very important in dispute resolution. Mr. Flowers returned to the Boards question at the last meeting, can we make them pay AMCD before we repair the aircraft, that can be done, but if the district wants to proceed with the repairs to get the helicopter operational sooner the district is fine doing that as well.

- Chairperson Moeller asked that we were talking about \$200,000.00 for the rotors and some piece of equipment that needed to be sent off. A & P Mechanic Mr. Ralph Bruner responded that the engine had to be inspected for sudden stoppage and if the engine go's in for repair there are parts that are required to be replaced and that cost would be borne by AMCD. Commissioner Becker clarified that the parts Mr. Bruner was describing are the same parts as discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Bruner reviewed the parts that need replacing and the burden of responsibility for payment by AMCD and the insurance company. The discussion continued between Mr. Flowers and Mr. Bruner about the statement of loss and the possible need for an extension to be filed. Chairperson Moeller clarified that at the last Board meeting the question was, the district would pay for the work in advance and then get reimbursed and how much money was need to pay for the repairs upfront and do we pay in advance to get the work done or wait for the insurance company to pay. General discussion about the need for the aircraft to be repaired quickly to be able to complete missions. Commissioner Becker asked about engine repairs and hour limits on parts, Mr. Bruner responded. Chairperson Moeller asked if \$200,000.00 is enough money. Dr. Xue talked about the cost estimate, the policies and the meeting he had with the insurance company then recommended the board authorize the \$200,000.00 amount. Commissioner LeBlanc clarified that the Director wanted \$200,000.00.

A. A motion was made to authorize \$200,000.00 for the repair of the helicopter while waiting on reimbursement from the insurance company

- Motioned by: Commissioner Gardner
- Seconded by: Commissioner LeBlanc
- VOTE: Accepted unanimously by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner LeBlanc ~ None.

Commissioner Brandhorst ~ Asked about the condition of employees with Covid.

Commissioner Becker ~ Brought in a newspaper article where she was named one of the top twenty-five professional under forty in St. Johns County.

Commissioner Gardner ~ None.

Commissioner Moeller ~ General discussion with Director about employees with Covid.

ATTACHMENTS: ~

I. None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Moeller adjourned the meeting at 5:29 P.M.

ATTEST



Chairperson, Commissioner Jeanne Moeller



Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Gina LeBlanc

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