

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, March 10, 2022

Next Meeting(s): Regular Meeting.; Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular Board meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Mrs. Jeanne Moeller, Chairperson
Mrs. Trish Becker, Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. Gayle Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Gina LeBlanc, Commissioner

Board member absent:

Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

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

Chairperson Moeller called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairperson Becker Led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Moeller noted ~ Commissioner Brandhorst was absent missing third meeting in a row

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: For Items not on the agenda ~ None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairperson Moeller called for approval of the agenda as presented.

A. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Trish Becker
- Seconded by: Commissioner Gayle Gardner
- VOTE accepted unanimously by all commissioner's present
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

- Motioned by: Commissioner Gayle Gardner
- Seconded by: Commissioner Gina LeBlanc
- VOTE: Accepted unanimously by all Commissioners present
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Consent Items ~ APPROVAL OF:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Vouchers (*Cancelled Checks*)
3. Chemical Inventory
4. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting, February 10, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
5. Agreement between MosquitoMate and AMCD for software use.
6. Commissioner Mrs. Moeller and 2 staff to attend SOVE meeting in September.
7. Commissioner Mer. Becker and Mr. Weaver attending AMCA Washington DC legislation meeting, May 18-19.
8. Approval of the appointment of Dr. Uli Bernier as Adjunct Senior Chemistry (Volunteer).
9. Approval of allowing Salt Lake City MCD's Director and two Board members to ride our helicopter during the 17th workshop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 1: Update about SIT building progress... ~ Thompson Taylor, Harrell Construction

- Mr. Tayler reported from his written report that they have the site permit, the building plans have been submitted to the County for permitting, they are one month ahead of schedule, talked about delivery of the generator and asked for questions. Commissioner Becker asked if the steel building is on site, Mr. Thompson confirmed it was on site. Commissioner Becker then asked if once the permits are issued then we can start pouring concrete. Mr. Tayler responded, that the addendums for the contract will need to be approved and asked Mr. Glen Harrell to address this issue. Mr. Harrell said, that once the plans are permitted, Harrell Construction will review any changes to the plans and the cost associated with those changes and bring back those changes to the Board.

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

Item 2: Summary report about AMCA meeting in Jacksonville... ~ Dr. Rui-De Xue

- Dr. Xue started by talking about the AMCA meeting, saying that AMCD had eleven collaborative presentations, six from AMCD employees, Commissioner Becker gave presentation in the student competition, Dr. Xue received the medal of honor from the AMCA and was elected Vice-President of AMCA. Dr. Xue reported that three Commissioners, eight staff attended, and also eight staff volunteered at the AMCA conference. Dr. Xue continued that before the meeting AMCD had about forty people visit the AMCD facility and had very good feedback especially on the building of the SIT building that may lead to collaboration and/or grants.

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

Item 3: Commissioner Mrs. Becker's presentation (PPT)... ~ Mrs. Becker

- Chairperson Moeller introduced Commissioner Becker and said that she saw the presentation at the AMCA and thought it was important for the other Board member to see the presentation.

Commissioner Becker gave the presentation Environmental Plastic Pollution is Giving Mosquitoes a New Superpower (presentation attached to minutes). Commissioner Becker asked for questions. Chairperson Moeller commented how important the student presentations are and that they are often doing cutting edge research how important Commissioner Becker's subject was.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Approval of switching May 12's Board meeting to May 5 ~ Mrs. Becker

- Commissioner Becker asked the Board to move the May 12, 2022 meeting to May 5, 2022 because of a scheduling conflict. The Board agreed that moving the meeting to the fifth was fine.

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

Item 2: Update about the 17th arbovirus surveillance and mosquito control workshop, March 29-31...~ Dr. Rui-De Xue

- Dr. Xue reported that so far 43 were registered, with 67 presentations scheduled although international speakers had to cancel. Dr. Xue also canceled three AMCD employee speeches to allow for more guest speakers and expects over 200 people spread over the three days. Dr. Xue talked about waiving registration fees for collaborators and sharing printed copies of the annual report at the meeting. Dr. Xue then asked if anyone had questions. Commissioner Becker asked if the speakers would be in the hangar, Dr. Xue responded the speakers will be in the board room but the food will be in the hangar.

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

Item 3: Update about 2021 annual program report (draft)... ~ Dr. Rui-De Xue

- Dr. Xue talked about items in the report to include the grant money, approval of the Education building and the SIT building, Chairperson's welcome letter and millage rate. Dr. Xue explained this is still a draft and the Board has about a week to let him know about edits before going to print next week.

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

REPORTS:

1. **Director** ~ Dr. Xue reported: Talked about the warm winter, preparations for the sentinel chicken program, trap repairs, helicopter repairs, employee evaluations and workshop.
2. **Attorney** ~ Mr. Flowers; No report this month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner LeBlanc ~ Thank the staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Becker ~ Thanked the volunteer staff at AMCA, and talked about how impressed she was with the event especially the vender exhibits. Commissioner Becker explained that she talked to all the vendors about the SIT and Education buildings and how excited people were with these new buildings

and she also touted AMCD's GLP status. Commissioner Becker then said that she wrote an article celebrating women's history month for Loving Our Town St. Augustine magazine about women in science to be published in about a week. She gave Mr. Weaver a donated cartoon for the education center and said thank you. Dr. Xue asked Commissioner Becker to write an article for Wing Beats on micro plastics, Commissioner Becker agreed and said how much interest the talk got at the AMCA. Dr Xue talked about the possibility of getting a grant for this type of study.

Commissioner Gardner ~ None.

Commissioner Moeller ~Thanks staff for their hard work, asked to please note that Commissioner Brandhorst has missed her third meeting and then closed the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: ~

1. None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Moeller adjourned the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

ATTEST



Chairperson, Commissioner Jeanne Moeller



Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Gayle Gardner

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