

# Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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## DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-de Xue



Thursday, September 15, 2022

Next Meeting(s):  
Final Public Hearing, Thursday, September 29, 2022 – 5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2022– 5:00 PM

## MINUTES

The **First Public Hearing** Board meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Board members in attendance:

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

Absent:

Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director  
Mr. Wayne Flowers, Attorney (arrived late via phone 5:55 P.M.)

Chairperson Moeller called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Roll Call was done at the beginning of the Regular meeting which began at 5:00 PM and will resume after this First Public Hearing meeting.

## BUSINESS:

### Item 1: PUBLIC COMMENT ON TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE and BUDGET FY22/23

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Jeffery Pepper expressed his concerns that taxes are being increased, despite the fact that Saint Johns County and the City of Saint Augustine have developed significantly this year and as a result have more revenue coming in. Mr. Pepper requested the Board not increase the budget. Commissioner Moeller thanked Mr. Pepper for his comment and regretfully informed him that

mosquito control is an independent district, and explained the AMCD Board of Commissioners has no jurisdiction over the budget Mr. Pepper is referring to.

- Mr. Gary Howell mentioned he's lived in Saint Johns County for 25-years, owns four properties and believes mosquito control is worth every penny. Mr. Howell then asked if the budget included operation cost for the Education Center. Commissioner Moeller confirmed it was included in the budget.
- Ed Slavin thanked the Board for all their hard work and thanked Commissioner Moeller for being transparent and honest when she stated there is no time limit for public comment at budget hearings.

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

**Item 2: BOARD DISCUSSION ON TENTATIVE MILLAGE and BUDGET FY22/23**

- The public had no more comments regarding the budget; therefore, Commissioner Moeller directed the discussion back to the Board. The Board discussed among themselves the possibility of lowering the millage rate to Commissioner Becker's proposed rate of .1850, a reduction of about \$200,000. After discussing among themselves and with related AMCD staff, the Board decided to think about it and vote on a final millage rate at the Final Public Hearing.

**A. A motion was made to approve the Tentative Millage rate at 0.1900 for FY22/23 as presented.**

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

**B. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented**

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

- **For clarification purposes Commissioner Becker noted that was a budget of, seven million three hundred ninety-four thousand four hundred eighty-three dollars.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Moeller adjourned this meeting at **6:00 P.M.** and at this time the regular meeting was reconvened.

**ATTEST**

  
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**Chairperson, Commissioner Jeanne Moeller**

  
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**Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Gayle Gardner**

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