Thursday, September 14, 2023

Next Meeting(s):
Final Public Hearing, Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 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 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Board members in attendance:
- Mrs. Gayle Gardner, Chairperson
- Mrs. Trish Becker, Vice-Chairperson
- Mrs. Gina LeBlanc, Secretary/Treasurer
- Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner
- Mrs. Martha Gleason, Commissioner

Also in attendance:
- Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director
- Mr. Wayne Flowers, Attorney

Chairperson Gardner 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 FY23/24

PUBLIC COMMENT:
- Mrs. Diane Cooper wanted to express her concern of the St. Johns County millage rate and how the increase is not manageable for people on a fixed income. The Board of Commissioners kindly let her know her concerns need to be expressed at the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners meeting on September 19, 2023.
Mr. Cliff Martinez let the Board of Commissioners know that AMCD is doing a great job minimizing expenses and still providing exceptional service to the citizens of Saint Johns County and thanked the Board for their time.

- THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM

**Item 2: BOARD DISCUSSION ON TENTATIVE MILLAGE and BUDGET FY23/24**

- The public had no more comments regarding the budget; therefore, Commissioner Gardner directed the discussion back to the Board. The Board discussed among themselves the possibility of lowering the millage rate at the Final Public Hearing. 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 0.1800 for FY23/24 as presented.**
  - Motioned by: Commissioner Becker
  - Motion Seconded by: Commissioner Gardner
  - VOTE accepted unanimously by all commissioners
  - MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented**
  - Motioned by: Commissioner Becker
  - Motion Seconded by: Commissioner Gleason
  - 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 Gardner adjourned this meeting at **5:43 P.M.** and at this time the regular meeting was reconvened.

ATTEST

Chairperson, Commissioner Gayle Gardner

Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Gina LeBlanc

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