

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-De Xue



Thursday, September 30, 2024

Next Meeting(s): Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

The **Final Public Hearing** meeting for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Thursday, September 30, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Mrs. Gayle Gardner, Chairperson
Mrs. Martha Gleason, Vice-Chairperson
Mrs. Gina Leblanc, Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Catherine Brandhorst, Commissioner
Mrs. Trish Becker, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director
Mrs. Amy Meyers, Attorney (**Attended Via Phone**)
Dr. Whitney Qualls, Assistant Director

Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Brandhorst led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Chairperson Gardner noted ~ All were present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Ed Slavin thanked the Board of Commissioners for adopting a millage that is below the roll back rate, he appreciates the Boards fiscally conservative approach.

BUSINESS:

Item 1: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-05 and FINAL MILLAGE RATE at 0.1600 for FY2024/2025

- Chairperson Gayle Gardner read the full 2024-05 Resolution. There were no Commissioners comments on this item.
 - A. A motion was made to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-05 and the final Millage rate at 0.1600 for FY2024/2025 as presented.
 - Motioned by: Commissioner Becker
 - Motion Seconded by: Commissioner Gleason
 - VOTE accepted by all commissioners
 - **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 2: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-06 and CERTIFIED BUDGET for FY2024/2025

- Chairperson Gayle Gardner read the full 2024-06 Resolution.
- Commissioner Becker asked if the situation regarding certain employees being back paid has been resolved and added to the new budget?

- Dr. Xue confirmed the situation is being resolved and the appropriate adjustments been made to the budget for FY 24/25
- Commissioner Becker asked if when the budget is published for the public, is it possible to leave employee names off the salaries list?
- Mrs. Meyers noted it has already been made available to the public for this fiscal year but for next fiscal year the names can be removed before posting for the public.
- Commissioner Gleason asked if Commissioner travel to FMCA Orlando, FL, Puerto Rico and Greece? She doesn't believe Commissioners or staff should be traveling/flying on taxpayers' dollars unless the were invited to give a presentation but not all Commissioners and/or staff should be traveling on taxpayer dollars.
- Dr. Xue noted those items are still in the budget.
- Commissioner Becker noted she was invited to give a presentation.
- Dr. Qualls mentioned it does not specify which individuals will be attending in the budget.
- Mr. Hanna mentioned that portion of the budget can be reclassified to other budget categories.
- Mr. Slavin thanked Commissioner Gleason for expressing her concerns regarding Commissioner/staff travel using taxpayer dollars and asked if the meetings could be attended via zoom?
- Dr. Xue stated the meetings could not be attended via zoom.

A. A motion was made to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-06 and the Certified Budget for FY2024/2025 as presented.

- Motioned by: Commissioner Becker
- Motion Seconded by: Commissioner Gleason
- VOTE accepted by all commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

BOARD COMMENTS:

- **Commissioner Gayle Gardner:** no comment
- **Commissioner Gina LeBlanc:** no comment
- **Commissioner Brandhorst:** no comment
- **Commissioner Trish Becker:** mentioned she has attempted to reach out to other mosquito control districts in Florida post hurricane Helene to check on them and asked if anyone in the District has done the same? Also, mentioned if any of them are in need of help, maybe AMCD could form a supply drive to help the Districts that have been affected.
- Dr. Qualls stated she has reached out to her colleagues at various mosquito control districts throughout Florida and she has not heard back from her connections at Citrus County Mosquito Control District.
- **Commissioner Martha Gleason:** no comment

APPOINTED OFFICERS COMMENTS:

- **Mrs. Amy Meyers:** no comment
- **Dr. Rui-De Xue:** no comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Gayle Gardner adjourned the meeting at **5:51 P.M.**

ATTEST


 Chairperson, Commissioner Gayle Gardner


 Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Gina LeBlanc

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