

# Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County

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## DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Dr. Rui-De Xue



Friday, September 12, 2025

Next Meeting(s)

Final Public Hearing, Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 5:00 PM

## MINUTES

The **First Public Hearing** for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County was held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Ms. Gina LeBlanc, Commissioner  
Ms. Gayle Gardner, Chair  
Mr. Tim Burton, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Anthony Timis, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Dr. Rui-De Xue, Director  
Ms. Lawsikia Hodges, District Attorney

*Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order.*

*Commissioner LeBlanc led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Gardner noted all commissioners present except Vice-Chairperson Mazzotta.

## BUSSINESS:

### Item 1: PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE REATE and BUDGET FY 25/26

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- No public comments were offered at the start of the hearing.
- One member of the public later attended, expressed appreciation for mosquito control, and observed the process without providing formal comment.
  - **THERE WAS NO MOTION ON THIS ITEM**

### Item 2: BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE and BUDGET FY 25/26

#### **Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate**

- Proposed tentative millage rate: 0.1600, unchanged from FY 2024/25.

- CFO Scott Hanna explained that although the budget reflects a deficit of \$643,000, AMCD maintains sufficient surpluses. This approach reduces reserves and passes savings to taxpayers.
- Dr. Xue noted that keeping the millage rate flat still increases revenues due to rising property values and growth in St. Johns County. Additional funding sources include grants and investment interest.

**A. A motion was made to adopt the tentative millage rate of 0.1600**

- Motioned by: Commissioner Gardner
- Seconded by: Commissioner Burton
- VOTE: Accepted by all Commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- District Attorney Hodges advised that under TRIM regulations, the rollback rate and percentage increase should be publicly read into the record. Mr. Hanna complied:
  - Rollback Rate: **0.1518**
  - Percentage Increase: 5.4%
  - Millage Rate to be levied: 0.1600

**B. For record purposes, another motion was made after the publicly announced statement regarding the percentage increase to the rollback rate to adopt the tentative millage rate of 0.1600**

- Motioned by: Commissioner Burton
- Seconded by: Commissioner Timis
- VOTE: Accepted by all Commissioners
- **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FY 2025/2026 Tentative Budget**

- Commissioners discussed travel expenses and clarified that attendance at conferences is budgeted for three commissioners, with potential flexibility using grant funds.
- Capital Outlay – Storage Facility (\$800,000):
  - Planned 4,000 sq. ft. facility with vehicle storage, AC rooms for equipment, and carport space.
  - Commissioners raised concerns about approving the allocation without updated cost-benefit analysis or legal review.
  - Staff confirmed no contract currently exists; prior bids (two years old) were tabled.
  - Future expenditures would require Board approval through the RFP and contracting process.

**A. A motion was made to approve the tentative FY 25/26 budget**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Gardner adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM

ATTEST    
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 Chairperson, Commissioner Gayle Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Tim Burton

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