

ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE MINUTES OF MEETING

August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:05am.

County Commissioner Jay Morris was in attendance.

The minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1676.69 with 11 paid members.

President Lofgren introduced Mr. Christopher Bibbs, Educational Specialist with the Anastasia Mosquito Control District. In addition, Vivian Browning, a board member of the District, spoke on the general purpose of the district and the role of Mr. Bibbs. Mr. Bibbs stated that there are over 60 mosquito control districts in Florida, however many of them are not fully independent districts such as The Anastasia District. He briefly reviewed the history of the District and stated that it is independent of the County Commission. The District practices integrated pest management which involves long term control of mosquitoes. They use surveillance, trapping and landing counts as well as service requests to identify the problem. Their method of control is mainly thorough the use of larvicides namely B.T. I. which is a bacteria. They also utilize mosquito fish. During the summer months they use fogging in the night, border treatment and cultural control whereby resident behavior is critical to mosquito development.

He discussed the different types of mosquitoes in our area and stated that the most common disease carrier was the Tiger

Mosquito, a non-native species. The most common disease carried by mosquitoes in our area is EEC.

In response to questions, Ms. Browning stated that one of the objectives of the District was to relocate their headquarters to a new building located by I-95 and state road 16. She stated that there were reserves in the District to cover the costs of this relocation.

(It was subsequently discovered that the District was asking for a 98% increase in ad- valorem taxes for year 2014 over 2013.)

Other Business

Mary Konke discussed the recent PZA meeting whereby nine variances were requested for property owned by the TPA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Olsen – Secretary.