

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2021

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021 with the following members present:

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner James Croft
Commissioner Jimmy Tallman

Others present: Perry Kent, Executive Director
Joel Woolsey, Assistant Director
Melissa Waters, Finance Officer
Lydia Greene, Office Manager/Admin. Asst.
Russ Wade, Board Attorney (via Zoom)

Chairwoman Rhoden called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Commissioner Tallman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for May, June and July 2021. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the expenditures for May, June and July 2021. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for May 13, 2021. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for May 13, 2021. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of agenda item #5, Engineering Updates. Mr. Kent said he would update the board today.

For LGTE, construction has begun, we have a contract and a signed lease, so the landfill gas to energy project is officially moving forward.

For Cell 7 the rain is causing delays and is slowing down the project. New River staff is working ahead of Comanco who is putting down liner and construction continues.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Discuss Issuing IFB for Leachate Pre-Treatment System. Mr. Kent stated that in 2016 the state of Florida adopted the Springs and Aquifer Protection Act. After that was adopted the state began watching the amount of nitrogen that goes into and comes from wastewater treatment plants. New River's leachate is pumped to the wastewater treatment plant at Florida State Prison under an agreement that has been in place for many years. Mr. Kent said our leachate hasn't changed over the years, but we are in a position to help FSP deal with the new regulatory issues and we have been looking at systems with help from UF that will lower the nitrogen in our leachate. Mr. Kent stated he is asking the board for approval to request proposals for leachate pre-treatment systems and will bring the submittals and costs back to the board for discussion. Mr. Kent added that we are not building a wastewater treatment plant at New River, we are looking to help FSP who gets our leachate. FSP's wastewater treatment limitations affect New River's operations at times since we are unable to pump our leachate when we need to. Mr. Kent said that we are trying to be proactive in our leachate disposal needs in regard to the new state regulations.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion from the board to approve issuing a request for proposal for a leachate pre-treatment system at New River. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve issuing a request for proposal for leachate pre-treatment. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #7, Discuss Renewal of Agreement with Surveyor. Mr. Kent stated that the agreement with our surveyor, Pat Welch & Associates, who has been our surveyor for many years is up for renewal. There are no changes in his rates. Staff recommendation is to renew the agreement with Pat Welch & Associates for surveying.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to renew the agreement with Pat Welch & Associates for surveying services. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to renew the agreement. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #8, Discuss Issuing RFQ for Auditing Services. Ms. Lora Douglas, DDF, said that she was resigning effective today as auditor for New River but would like to continue as a consultant. Recent auditing rules require organizations to have separate auditing and financial consultants. Ms. Douglas has brought a consulting agreement that lists those things that she will be able to provide assistance with at an hourly rate of \$95 per hour. Mr. Kent said that staff has discussed and requests that the board allow Ms. Douglas to help with the issues that are unique to New River and will likely come up when a new auditor is chosen.

Commissioner Croft said that since this is not on the agenda, he will make a motion to declare that an emergency exists in filling the auditor and consultant positions. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on approval of the consulting agreement with DDF. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the consulting agreement with DDF. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Croft said that as was discussed in the New River Library board meeting earlier today, he would like to make a motion that the board's finance committee be appointed to interview the potential auditors and to bring back a recommendation. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Douglas said that she would be available to assist staff in preparing the wording for the request for proposal for auditing. Mr. Kent asked if the board was in agreement to issue the request for proposal for auditing services. The board was in agreement.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #9, Discuss Annual Household Hazardous Waste/Toxic Roundup Results 2021. The handout provided shows totals for tons and money for both this year and last year. This year more tons were collected and this is reflected in the invoice amount. We did exceed the budgeted amount this year. This is provided yearly for information for the board.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Alachua County Issues/Items. Alachua County was not in attendance.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #11, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade advised the board of a written protest received from Florida Industrial Scale for the RFP for Truck Scale Maintenance which was awarded to Superior Processing and Weighing at the board meeting in May. Mr. Wade sent a response to Florida Industrial Scale explaining why Superior was chosen and stating that this would be addressed at the board meeting today where they would be given an opportunity to address the board on this issue. New River was to be notified of their intent and nothing has been heard from Florida Industrial Scale. Mr. Wade's recommendation is that the board vote on denying the RFP award protest and reaffirming the award for Truck Scale Maintenance to Superior Processing & Weighing. Mr. Kent discussed the reasons we recommended the company that was chosen and feels there was no merit to the protest submitted.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on denying the bid protest from Florida Industrial Scale and to reaffirm the award of RFP 21-09 Truck Scale Maintenance to Superior Processing & Weighing by the board on May 13, 2021. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to deny the bid protest from Florida Industrial Scale and to reaffirm the award of RFP 21-09 to Superior Processing & Weighing. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he did not have anything further for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #13, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. The board had nothing further for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Croft made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The meeting was adjourned.