NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2025

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for the Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on August 14, 2025 with the following members present:

Chairman Chris Dougherty
Vice-Chair Donna Jackson
Secretary/Treasurer Tyler Mobley
Commissioner Ronald Mann
Commissioner Kenny Thompson

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

Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order Commissioner Thompson led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for May, June and July, 2025. Commissioner Mobley made a motion to approve the expenditures for May, June and July 2025. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for May 8, 2025. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for May 8, 2025. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Chairman Dougherty called for discussion of agenda item #5A, Discuss Engineering Updates, Jones Edmunds. Ms. Sawyer said GCU has completed the Manhole Rehabilitation Project, there is a punch list left to complete. Jones Edmunds continues to work on the Landfill Operations Permit Renewal which is due to DEP in October 2025. Also, there were 14 new gas collection wells installed in July which was an OPAL project here at New River. Mr. Kent added that 7 wells have been connected so far. These wells will boost our gas system and produce more gas for the RNG plant. Mr. Kent said that RIN values are down right now and the last RINs sold were for less but that OPAL had held them as long as possible. The RIN values are market driven and will always fluctuate. Commissioner Mobley asked who did our manhole project. Ms. Sawyer said that it was Gulf Coast Underground which they have worked with before. Mr. Kent stated that he had seen one of their projects in Gainesville and that they did an excellent job here and were easy to work with. Ms. Sawyer added that Jones Edmunds has been working on the annual capacity analysis for submission to DEP.

Chairman Dougherty called for discussion of agenda item #5B, Engineering Updates, Geosyntec. Mr. Latham, Geosyntec, said he has the Ground Water Monitoring Proposal for the FY 2025-2026 in the amount of $69,000 and that there will be semi-annual monitoring done in October. Mr. Kent stated this is included in the budget.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion to approve the Ground Water Monitoring proposal in the amount of $69,000. Commissioner Mobley made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty asked for discussion of agenda item #6, Discuss Revisions to Fees for Special Wastes Brought to NRRL. Mr. Kent said that our waste tires fees have been the same since 1997. A handout showing current tire fees and proposed tire fees has been provided to the board. The proposed revisions are to increase tire fees by the ton to $200 and an increase of $2 each for single tires. Also, E-Waste is currently priced at a ton rate of $26 but we have no way to weigh these items. The proposed fee revision is to charge $9 per item which will cover the cost at Alachua County's Hazardous Waste Disposal facility when we remove them. Mr. Kent said that the proposed fee revisions will cover what we are having to spend for these items and asked the board to consider adopting the new fees.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to waste tires and e-waste fees as presented. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the revisions to fees for waste tires e-waste as presented. Commissioner Mobley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty called for discussion of agenda item #7, Discuss Toxic Roundup Events Results for 2025. Mr. Kent said that a recap of each member county's events had been provided for the board. Ms. Greene said the events were well attended and the amount collected from all 3 counties was 19.59 tons with a processing cost about the same as last year. Mr. Kent said that we encourage citizens to participate in order to properly dispose of these toxic materials and keep them out of the landfill and that any citizen of the member counties can attend any of the three events.

Chairman Dougherty called for discussion of agenda item #8, Discuss Equipment for Surplus Auction. Mr. Kent said a list of equipment has been provided to the board showing vehicles that need to be removed from inventory as no longer useable that he would like to sell through a surplus auction. There are 6 trucks that are no longer drive-able and from which parts have been removed to use on other vehicles. Mr. Kent said that he has specified a minimum bid for each which he feels is fair. He would like to have a sealed bid auction in October-November this year if the board is in agreement.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion to approve the surplus property listed for auction. Commissioner Jackon made a motion to approve the listed property as surplus and to sell at auction. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty called for discussion under agenda item #9, Discuss Renewal of UF Agreement for FY 2025-2026. Mr. Kent said the annual agreement with UF has been submitted for the next fiscal year with no change in the amount of $75,000 which is in the budget. Mr. Kent said that we are now working with UF's students and lab to perform research and analysis that we had done with Jones Edmunds in the past. Dr. Townsend and Mr. Laux with UF is here today to answer any questions the board may have. The board did not have any questions.

Chairman Dougherty called for a motion to approve the renewal of the UF agreement for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of $75,000. Commissioner

Mobley made a motion to approve the Renewal of the UF agreement. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dougherty asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said he did not have anything to report.

Chairman Dougherty asked for discussion of agenda item #11, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he has provided the board with a copy of correspondence received from Alachua County requesting a renewal of the current interlocal agreement. Mr. Kent stated that he has also been contacted by the City of Gainesville requesting that we consider taking their waste directly. Mr. Kent said that we are currently working on updating the tipping fee analysis and prefers to wait until that is completed and presented to the Board before starting any discussions with Alachua County or Gainesville. He predicts that the completed rate study will be ready for the board by November 2025 at which time the updated rates and different scenarios will be presented for a determine of the direction the board wants to go. Our agreement states that we are to provide notice to Alachua County at least 2 years before the current agreement expires in December 2028, so he recommends not taking any action right now. The board was in agreement.

Chairman Dougherty asked for discussion of agenda item #12, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were no items for discussion.

Chairman Dougherty asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mann made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.