

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2022

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for the Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on April 14, 2022 with the following members present:

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Chairwoman
Commissioner Channing Dobbs, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
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

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 March 2022. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for March 2022. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for March 10, 2022. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for March 10, 2022. Commissioner Dougherty 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. Mrs. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that Cell 7 is on schedule to be completed this summer. Also, the permit for the new borrow

was approved and received this week and is a 5-year permit. Mr. Kent said that we are finishing up with our existing permitted borrows and that the new borrow will be in the field directly behind the administration office. The borrow material will be used for daily cover. Mr. Kent added that in the future we may add an RNG fueling station somewhere close to the front gate so he is holding some property aside.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Update for LGTE Project. Mr. Kent said the gas plant is up but is having some issues that the team is working through. Reliability testing may start next week. The virtual pipeline equipment is on site so he feels that we are close to having gas leave New River. Mr. Kent added that we are working on the negotiated agreement with TECO for the easement for the pipeline. Our gas attorney has reviewed and he hopes to get that back to them today. Mr. Kent stated that the gas plant looks good and our staff continues to meet with the gas plant personnel regularly. Our next hurdle will be working through the additional truck traffic for transferring the gas. Mr. Kent said that we have also added more security cameras due to the 24-hour operation for the virtual pipeline.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #7, Discuss Signing Interlocal Agreement with Gilchrist County for Solid Waste Disposal. Mr. Kent said that Gilchrist County's waste is currently hauled to New River by Alachua County. Gilchrist County wants to haul their own waste directly to our landfill. The Interlocal Agreement that our attorney prepared is similar to the Interlocal Agreement we have with Alachua County and Gilchrist County has already signed the agreement. The starting disposal rate is \$32 per ton and is a 10-year contract through December 31, 2032 with options to renew for additional terms of 5 years each. We are to be notified by Gilchrist County of their intent to renew 24 months before any term expiration date. The agreement includes an annual CPI adjustment which our attorney and staff felt was the best way to structure future disposal rate increases.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement with Gilchrist County. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent advised that he plans to send the same Interlocal Agreement wording to Suwannee County. Once an agreement is reached, the Interlocal

Agreement with Suwannee County will be brought back to the board for discussion and approval.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #8, Discuss Approval of Limerock Quotes Received. Mr. Kent said that at the previous board meeting when we discussed the limerock quotes received, he did not request the board to consider approval of all the quotes. Typically, all quotes are approved and when limerock is needed we contact the lowest first and if unavailable, we contact the next lowest.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion to approve the two additional limerock quotes submitted. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve all the limerock quotes submitted. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #9, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said that there was no one from Alachua County at the meeting today.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #11, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he had nothing further to discuss.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Commissioner Dougherty asked about the equipment in the board room. Mr. Kent discussed and demonstrated the components of the gas monitoring well he had brought up to the board room for this meeting. At next month's meeting we will be talking about what our gas techs do and the costs of the wells. Mr. Kent said that we have just submitted a bill to Fortistar for pumps and wellheads under their agreement to reimburse us for \$1 million for upgrades to New River's gas system. Commissioner Dougherty asked if New River does all of our own monitoring. Mr. Kent said that Jones Edmunds still does the groundwater monitoring but that we have taken over the gas monitoring which we assumed when Mr. Woolsey started with New River. This is an annual savings to New River of around \$10,000.00 just in monitoring.

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