

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2022

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on March 10, 2022 with the following members present:

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Vice-Chairman
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 Dobbs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for January and February 2022. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the expenditures for January and February 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 January 13, 2022. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for January 13, 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. Mr. Kent said that for Cell 7, what's left is concrete

work which will be followed by electrical. Some stormwater structures have been received but we are still waiting on some of the structures to be delivered. The piping portion of the Cell 7 project will be completed by New River staff. The plan is to start placing selected waste in Cell 7 approximately one month after DEP certifies the Cell. Mr. Kent added that gas collection in the new cell can begin as soon as 3 to 6 months after waste is placed. Our gas is cleaner since we do not accept risky waste, so this greatly benefits our LGTE project.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Update for LGTE Project. Mr. Kent said completion of the gas plant continues and that right now pipelines are being purged and checked for leaks. There was a large temporary pad placed at the site for the virtual pipeline trucking operation. The plans for next week includes starting the testing of our landfill gas. Mr. Kent said that New River staff is now meeting weekly with the LGTE teams and we are working out the right details so that both New River and the gas project people are happy. Mr. Kent stated that New River has 145 gas wells which are tuned every day and that Mrs. Sawyer continually verifies we are in compliance which is most important. Mr. Kent added he feels that everything is going well. A meeting was held this week with TECO staff to discuss location and easement for the pipeline connection. The plan is to schedule a presentation and tour when the virtual pipeline starts up.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #7, Discuss Request from Gilchrist County for Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal. Mr. Kent said that Bobby Rush, Gilchrist County Solid Waste Director, was here at the meeting. We have received a letter from Gilchrist County requesting an Interlocal Agreement with New River Solid Waste for solid waste disposal. Mr. Kent said that we currently receive waste from Gilchrist County hauled by Alachua County. Gilchrist County has acquired trucks and trailers and want to haul their own waste.

Mr. Kent said we have also received a request from Suwannee County for an Interlocal Agreement for solid waste disposal. He is requesting board approval to hire attorney David Dee to prepare the Interlocal Agreements for both Gilchrist and Suwannee Counties for solid waste disposal at New River. As soon as these are ready for board approval they will be brought back to the board for review and decision. Mr. Rush said they have the trucks and trailers and are ready to start a direct haul and Alachua County is also ready for them to take over their own hauling. Commissioner Dobbs

asked about disposal rate. Mr. Kent said the disposal rates will be part of the interlocal agreements which would be brought to the board for approval when completed by the attorney.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to hire attorney David Dee to prepare Interlocal Agreements for solid waste disposal at New River for Gilchrist and Suwannee Counties. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to hire attorney David Dee to prepare the Interlocal Agreements. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #8, Discuss Request from Suwannee County for Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal. Mr. Kent said that Suwannee County's waste will be approximately the same as we receive from Levy County, about 4 to 6 trucks per day. Our staffing and operations should not be affected even though this is extra waste for us. Mr. Kent said he had asked Ms. Sawyer to look into what accepting this new waste would mean to our lifespan and it appears that it will result in a less than one year effect to current lifespan over a 10 year period. Commissioner Dobbs asked about staggering the contract time-frames. Mr. Kent said he is not sure what contract length Suwannee is looking for but that speaking with Mr. Rush today, Gilchrist wants to piggyback Levy County's contract. Mr. Kent explained that he had mentioned it might be a good idea to stagger some of our other contracts so that they do not all have the same end dates.

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 did not have anything further for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Commissioner Dobbs asked about the leachate pre-treatment project. Mr. Kent said that due to LGTE project

taking priority, other work that was being done by staff has slowed down some but that after gas testing, we are ready to resume working toward getting that project completed and the system up and running.

Commissioner Tallman said in the future he would like to see more contracts with smaller counties in order to minimize only doing business with larger counties. Mr. Kent said that is a reason to be looking into the additional waste we are looking at now.

Commissioner Dougherty asked about returns back to the 3 member counties. Mr. Kent said that additional waste could potentially offset the member counties' disposal costs. The LGTE project revenue should start this March based on our contract and the revenue will depend on values of RINS and gas prices. There will be a metering source installed which will produce the number that our payments will be based on and checks will be cut after a 30 day period. Mr. Kent said that New River plans to collect a year's worth of payments before dispersing any of the gas revenue as the payments will not be predictable and will fluctuate based on markets. Mr. Woolsey said that we have asked for and should receive an estimate of anticipated revenue each year from Fortistar for budgeting purposes. Mr. Woolsey added New River is getting a lot of notice and recognition because of the LGTE project.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the board and staff for the good job being done. Chairwoman Rhoden said she would also like to thank staff and the board.

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.