

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2021

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021 with the following members present:

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

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

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for August 12, 2021. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for August 12, 2021. Commissioner Thompson 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 we have drone footage of the

landfill gas to energy site and Cell 7 construction playing on the back wall to share with the board the progress being made for both projects.

Mr. Kent stated that for the LGTE update, TECO has held meetings with DEP on the gas pipeline connection and they continue to work toward getting this part of the project finalized as soon as possible. Mr. Kent said that construction is moving right along and the expected start date is March 2022. The equipment needed was ordered and is in storage now waiting for the site to be ready to place it here.

For Cell 7, we continue to get around 80 sand trucks a day, and about ½ of the 18 acre cell has the sand layer placed. All of the liner is down and Comanco is putting down the composite. New River staff is assisting with placing rock and installing pipes for the cell construction project which will be coordinated with Comanco. Mrs. Sawyer added that the liner will be finalized by the end of October, which is ahead of schedule.

Mrs. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said she had three annual Work Orders to present to the board. The first is Work Order #102, Permit Compliance Monitoring Services for FY 2021-22 in the amount of \$64,000. This includes groundwater monitoring and reporting and gas monitoring and reporting on a quarterly and semi-annual basis as required. Mr. Kent added that all of the yearly work orders being presented were included in the budget that was approved in May.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #102. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Work Order #102 in the amount of \$64,000. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sawyer said Work Order #103 is for Miscellaneous Engineering Services for FY 2021-22 in the amount of \$74,700.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion for Work Order #103. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #103. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sawyer said Work Order #104 is for Title V Services for FY 2021-22 in the amount of \$78,745. This covers the many Title V gas system reporting duties that is required every year and also includes money for new wells that will be added in the coming year.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on Work Order #104. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #104. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Discuss Proposals Received for RFP 21-11, Leachate Pre-Treatment System. Mr. Kent said that as discussed at the last board meeting, the engineers for the waste water treatment plant at FSP had met with New River staff to talk about their rising costs to meet new regulatory criteria for cleaning up the leachate before being able to put it back into the groundwater. Mr. Kent stated that our nitrogen content had not changed but the criteria for clean-up had which affects FSP, and they were looking for any help from New River. What was discussed was looking into a pre-treatment system here before sending our leachate to them. This will allow New River to control the costs incurred. Mr. Woolsey said one proposal had been received from Sustainable Landfill Solutions, LLC for the RFP issued and it is for the system that New River was interested in. This system had been studied and researched and recommended by UF. The system uses reverse osmosis to treat ammonia in the leachate which will get our leachate where FSP needs us to be in order to take our liquids without adversely affecting them. The proposed system is both efficient and cost effective. Additionally, recently there has been environmental discussions about the PFAS contaminates in waste which collects in leachate and regulation is expected soon for removal of PFAS elements. This pre-treatment leachate system will also treat the PFAS in our leachate. Mr. Kent added that the RFP was written so that some parts of the project can be pulled out, for example, the pipe installation can be done by New River staff as we are able to weld HDPE which is a better, long term product than the PVC included in the proposal. Mr. Kent said that the prices that were submitted are a do not exceed price since a portion of the project can and will be completed by New River staff. Mr. Woolsey stated that the RFP was written so that portions of the project could be separated from the price for them doing 100% of the work. The RFP submitted was for \$120,000.00 and he feels that we could probably cut that by about \$30,000.00 or so. Additionally, there is a cost of \$65,000.00 for annual operations cost. The plan is to assume this responsibility after the first year. Mr. Woolsey said the total year one not to exceed price submitted with the proposal is \$185,000.00, which we know will be reduced. Leachate disposal is very expensive and it a problem across the solid waste industry. Mr. Kent said that we are taking FSP's sludge and they are taking our leachate and we want to be pro-active and be a good partner to FSP. Commissioner Dobbs asked if the system would need to be licensed and permitted. Mr. Woolsey said because this is a pre-treatment system before sending to a licensed waste water treatment plant, so no licenses or permits will be required. Mr. Kent added that after the first year, we may need to

bring somebody in to assist with running the system but it should not be a full time position. Chairwoman Rhoden asked if there was money in the budget to cover the system cost. Mr. Kent said this did come up after the budget was approved and that he had taken a look and found that there were two areas where funds could be used that are currently assigned for leachate system expansion, in addition to \$80,000 received for the trade-in of our old bulldozer, which will cover the cost of the system. Commissioner Dobbs asked about any maintenance issues that may result. Mr. Kent said that he had looked at similar systems and feels like he can eliminate a lot of problems by making some changes here. Mr. Woolsey said that the system has been researched and in use for a while so parts are widely available.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on awarding RFP #21-11 to Sustainable Landfill Solutions, LLC. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to award RFP #21-11 as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #7, Discuss Budget Amendments for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. Mrs. Waters said there are some amendments needed to the budget to move carryover funds from last fiscal year to the current fiscal year. A total of \$137,110 for Jones Edmunds Cell 7 Work Order #101 will be moved from the budget for FY 2020-21 to the budget for FY 2021-22 in the form of 2 budget amendments.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on FY 2020-21 Budget Amendment #2 to move \$137,110 from Expenses Operating to Unrestricted Assets Carryforward. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve budget amendment #2 for FY 2020-21 as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment #1 to move \$137,110 from Unrestricted Assets Carryforward to Expenses Operating. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve budget amendment #1 for FY 2021-22 as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #8, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said that we did have staff from Alachua County at the board meeting today. Mr. Kent introduced Gus Olmos, Alachua County Solid Waste Director, who is attending the meeting in person along with visiting the landfill for the first time. Mr. Olmos introduced Allen Betz, Transfer Station Manager, and Patrick Boyd, Safety

Officer. Mr. Boyd said that he continues to be impressed by the job that New River does. There were no issues from Alachua County to discuss today.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #9, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he did not have anything further for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #11, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. The board thanked all the staff for the job being done.

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