

NRSWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2024

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
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The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on April 11, 2024 with the following members present:

Chairwoman Cathy Rhoden
Vice-Chairman Kenny Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer Channing Dobbs
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

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, February and March 2024. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for January, February and March 2024. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for January 11, 2024. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for January 11, 2024. Commissioner Dobbs 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, Discuss Engineering Updates. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that she had a Work Order to submit today. Work Order #113, is for Phase II Exposed Geomembrane Cover Closure Design and Bidding Services in the amount of \$147,292 and will cover preparing the documents for bid for the contractor to install and materials which New River will direct purchase. Mr. Kent said that this is the second phase of the EGC Closure Cover that we have been permitted for. The EGC helps with gas collection and maintaining slopes. The cost is paid for with Closure Funds.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve Work Order #113 as presented. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #113. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #6, Discuss Signing Engineering Contract with GeoSyntec Consultants, Inc. Mr. Kent said that the contract had been reviewed by staff and by Mr. Wade, our attorney, and our comments had been addressed. Staff recommendation is to sign the contract with GeoSyntec for engineering services.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on signing the contact with GeoSyntec. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to sign the GeoSyntec contract. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #7, Update – OPAL RNG Plant. Mr. Kent said that our gas production is up to around 2200 scfm which should help us to meet the increased revenue payment percentage in our contract sooner. We will soon be at the levels of gas production which will result in an expansion of the gas plant. We were recently visited by a Waste Management team from Mexico brought to visit New River's gas plant by OPAL Fuels. Polk County has also piggybacked New River's contract with OPAL for their RNG Plant.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #8, Discuss Developing Investment Policy. Mr. Kent that years ago New River had talked about developing an investment policy which was not put into place. He would like to look into developing an RFQ for Investments as we do not currently have one specifically for New River. Right now, we are using the state's policy which limits our options and ability to make money.

Mr. Kent said he has discussed with The Barber Group located in Lake Butler who has some good ideas about a customized investment policy for New River. If the board was in agreement, he would like to go forward with developing an investment policy and bring it back to the board for discussion. The board was in agreement.

Chairwoman Rhoden called 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 that Allen Betz, Alachua County Solid Waste, was attending the board meeting today. Mr. Betz said he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any discussion under agenda item #11, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were no comments from the board.

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