

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2024

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

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

Mr. Wade, Board Attorney, called the meeting to order and to conduct the election of a new Board Chair for 2024. Commissioner Croft led in prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wade asked for a nomination for Board Chair. Commissioner Croft made a motion to leave the same officers in place for 2024. Mr. Wade asked for any further nominations for Chair. There were none. Mr. Wade called for a vote on the motion to nominate Commissioner Rhoden for Chair. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Rhoden.

Chairwoman Rhoden said if there were no further nominations, she would call for a vote on the motion made by Commissioner Croft to leave the remaining officers in place for 2024. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #4, Approval of Expenditures for November and December 2023. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for November and December 2023. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #5, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for November 9, 2023. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for November 9, 2023. 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 #7, Discuss Engineering Contracts. Mr. Kent said that two contracts were received which have been reviewed by the board attorney. The contract with Geosyntec is pending further discussion with the attorneys on both sides but the contract with Jones Edmunds is ready to sign with board approval. The contract is basically the same as we have with Jones Edmunds now with a difference in the multiplier from 3.1 to 3.2 which is still considered on the low end of the standard. Also changing is the contract term which will be for an initial term of one year followed by 3 one year renewal options. Mr. Kent said that it is staff recommendation to enter into the contract with Jones Edmunds for engineering services.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve the contract with Jones Edmunds. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to contract with Jones Edmunds for engineering services. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #8, Engineering Updates. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that she would like to thank the board for approving the contract with Jones Edmunds. Ms. Sawyer said she had 3 work orders to present today.

Work Order #110 is for Permit Compliance Monitoring Services for FY 2024 in the amount of \$62,500 and covers routine compliance monitoring and all the reporting that is required. Also included is the relocation of 2 existing wells that need to be moved. Mr. Kent advised the board that this engineering item is included in the current budget and is an amount not to exceed.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on approval of Jones Edmunds Work Order #110 for Permit Compliance Monitoring Services in the amount not to exceed \$62,500. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to

approve. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #111 is for Title V Services for FY 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$69,411 and covers Title V air permit monitoring and reporting required. Mr. Kent said this engineering item is included in the current budget and is an amount not to exceed.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on approval of Jones Edmunds Work Order #111 for Title V Services for FY 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$69,411. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #112 is for Miscellaneous Engineering Services for FY 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$89,627 and covers operations support, special waste reviews and other miscellaneous tasks as directed by the board or staff. Mr. Kent said this engineering item is included in the current budget and is an amount not to exceed.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on approval of Jones Edmunds Work Order #112 for Miscellaneous Engineering Services in the amount not to exceed \$89,627. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent added that Jones Edmunds has continued to honor the old contract even though their contract technically expired October 1st without any disruption of engineering services.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #9, Update – OPAL RNG Plant. Mr. Kent said that the weather does affect gas production and cold/rainy weather produces less gas. Mr. Kent said staff knows the more gas we produce the more gas we have to sell and everyday staff works on the gas wells to keep them running the best we can. New River has also acquired more monitoring responsibilities than we have had in the past. Mr. Kent added there are no issues with OPAL and we are on target for anticipated gas revenue. OPAL also paid for the new gas wells that were installed at a cost of approximately \$175,000 or \$180,000.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #10, Discuss Quotes Received for Limerock Materials for 2024. Mr. Kent said that 3 companies provided quotes for limerock for 2024. The lowest quote for big rock was \$18.45 per ton from Robby Worrell Construction, the second lowest was \$20.25 per ton from Liberty Trucking, the third was \$22.00 from Pritchett Trucking. The lowest quote for regular limerock was

\$16.84 from Robby Worrell Construction, the second and third lowest was \$18.25 from Liberty Trucking and Pritchett Trucking. Mr. Kent asked the board to approve all quotes now so that in the event we need limerock we can contact each company when the material is needed based on their ability to provide it, starting with the lowest quote.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve the limerock quotes submitted for 2024. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the limerock quotes. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #11, Discuss Quotes Received for Sod Materials for 2024. Mr. Kent said 3 companies submitted quotes for sod for 2024. The lowest quote for rolled Bermuda was \$0.20 per square foot from Banty Enterprises (formerly Smith & Son's Sod Company), the second lowest was \$0.22 per square foot from Suwannee Valley Grassing, the third from Sodmore for \$0.36 per square foot. The lowest quote for hydroseed was \$0.03 per square foot from Suwannee Valley Grassing, the second lowest was from Banty Enterprises for \$0.0355 per square foot and the third was \$0.07 from Sodmore. Mr. Kent asked the board to approve all quotes so that we could contact each company when the material is needed based on their ability to provide it, starting with the lowest quote.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve the sod quotes submitted for 2024. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the sod quotes. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any discussion under Agenda Item #12, Alachua County Issues/Items. There was nobody present from Alachua County.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #13, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #14, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he did have an item he would like to discuss with the board. About a month ago he had been invited to and had attended a meeting with Bradford County to be on hand to answer any solid waste questions that might be asked about the landfill.

While he was there, he was asked by Mr. Dodds, Bradford County Public Works Director, if we would be interested in some soil material for cover they had on a piece of property that had to be moved. Mr. Kent said yes since eventually we will need to buy dirt for cover after our current borrow is finished. Mr. Dodds said he could use the FEMA rate of \$108 per hour for the truck and driver to haul the dirt to New River. Mr. Kent said he agreed to try it to see what the rate per load would be. Mr. Kent stated that the loads brought in December came up to less than \$85 per load which is a very good deal. Mr. Kent said that this had not been budgeted for but could come out of Operating Expenses. Mr. Kent said that he would like to ask for board approval to continue getting the cover material from Bradford County at this cost.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion to continue getting the soil cover material from Bradford County. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any discussion under agenda item #15, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were no comments from the board.

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