

NRSWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 12, 2023

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 January 12, 2023 with the following members present:

Commissioner James Croft
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
Commissioner Cathy Rhoden
Commissioner Jimmy Tallman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson

Others present: Perry Kent, Executive Director
Joel Woolsey, Assistant Director
Melissa Waters, Finance Officer
Lydia Greene, Office Manager/Admin. Asst.
Russ Wade, Board Attorney

Commissioner Rhoden called the meeting to order. Commissioner Croft led in prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Wade, Board Attorney, to conduct the election for Board Chair for 2023. Mr. Wade asked for a nomination for Chair. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Rhoden for Chair. Commissioner Rhoden said she would accept the nomination. Mr. Wade asked for any further nominations. 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 called for any nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to nominate Commissioner Thompson for Vice-Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Croft. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Thompson said he would accept the nomination. Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a vote on the motion to elect Commissioner Thompson as Vice-Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dobbs for Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other

nominations. Chairwoman Rhoden called for a vote on the motion to nominate Commissioner Dobbs for Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Expenditures for September, October, November and December 2022. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the expenditures for September, October, November and December 2022. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #4, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for September 8, 2022. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for September 8, 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 #6, Engineering Updates. Mrs. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that they have submitted an application to SWANA nominating New River's RNG plant for national recognition. The awards will be announced on February 13th.

Mrs. Sawyer said Cell 7 certification is close to completion and should be ready to be submitted to Tallahassee within the next 4 weeks for their approval, after that they will work on finishing up the stormwater system. Mr. Kent added that a walk through of Cell 7 is scheduled for today.

Mrs. Sawyer advised they are working on the bid documents for the project to repair the scale ramp and entrance roadway which should be completed within 4-6 weeks.

Mr. Kent said that New River has been moving toward taking over gas monitoring with Mr. Woolsey as the lead and asked Mrs. Sawyer how that was going. Mrs. Sawyer said that all is going well and that there were no issues with getting the information from New River on time or with the equipment that is being used. Jones Edmunds will continue to submit New River's reports to DEP and keep up with reporting requirements.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #7, Update – OPAL RNG Plant. Mr. Kent said that we are still selling gas and are still

using the virtual pipeline. The pipeline connections are in and have been tested. The infrastructure is in place and that it looks like maybe another 4 weeks to fully complete the pipeline connection for receiving gas directly from New River. Mr. Kent said it looks like we will exceed estimated revenue predictions for 2022 and that he plans to bring 2022 information back to the board at the next meeting. The next project will be to push OPAL toward constructing an RNG fueling station here at New River which will be another opportunity for more revenue from our landfill gas. Mr. Woolsey added that New River is the first to put landfill gas in the pipeline which is a big accomplishment.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #8, Discuss Repairs to Entrance Road and Scale Ramps. Mr. Kent said that Mrs. Sawyer had discussed this earlier. We have carried this roadway repair project for about 3 years now and need to get these repairs done soon. As time goes on more damage is being seen. Mr. Kent said that the money that was budgeted may not cover the cost now so the plan is to bid out the project and bring the bids to the board to discuss. Mrs. Sawyer has said the bid packages will be ready in the next 4 weeks.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #9, Discuss Quotes Received for Limerock Materials – January through July 2023. Mr. Kent said that we have received quotes for limerock materials for January through June 2023 from 3 companies for both big and regular sized limerock. The lowest quote for big limerock was from Robby Worrell Construction for \$17.25 per ton. The second lowest was Liberty Trucking for \$18.00 per ton and the third was from Pritchett Trucking for \$20.00 per ton.

The lowest quote for regular limerock was from Liberty Trucking for \$15.75 per ton. The second lowest was from Robby Worrell Construction for \$16.25 per ton and the third was from Pritchett Trucking for \$17.25 per ton. Mr. Kent asked that the board approve all the quotes received. When we need the material we can contact the lowest priced company first and go from there as they are not always able to get the material when it is needed.

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

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Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #10, Discuss Quotes Received for Sod Materials for 2023. Mr. Kent said we have received quotes for sod material for January through December 2023. The lowest was from Smith & Son's Sod for .20 per SF for rolled bermuda. The second lowest was from Suwannee Valley Grassing for .22 per SF and the third was from Sodmore for .36 per SF. Mr. Kent asked the board to approve all the quotes received so that when the material is needed we can contact the lowest first and go from there.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion to approve the sod quotes received. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the sod quotes submitted. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any discussion under Agenda Item #11, Alachua County Issues/Items. There was nobody present from Alachua County.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #12, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #13, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent stated he did not have anything further for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for any discussion under agenda item #14, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Chairwoman Rhoden said she was looking forward to this year and being able to work with this 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.