

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2020

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on January 9, 2020 with the following members present:

Commissioner Karen Cossey, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner James Croft
Commissioner Channing Dobbs
Commissioner Chris Dougherty

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

Chairwoman Cossey called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Commissioner Dobbs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Cossey turned the meeting over to Russ Wade, Board Attorney, for election of Board Chair for 2020. Mr. Wade stated that Chairwoman Cossey has requested that he conduct all of the elections of officers and reminded the board that the officers elected are to be one from each county. Mr. Wade called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cossey as Chair. Mr. Wade asked for any further nominations for position of Chairman. There were none. Mr. Wade asked Commissioner Cossey if she accepted the nomination. Commissioner Cossey said she accepted the nomination. Mr. Wade called for a vote on the motion to elect Commissioner Cossey as Chairwoman. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wade called for a motion for nomination for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to nominate Commissioner Thompson for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wade called for any further nominations. There were none. Commissioner Thompson accepted the

nomination. Mr. Wade called for a vote on the motion to elect Commissioner Thompson as Vice-Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wade called for a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Croft made a motion to nominate Commissioner Rhoden for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Wade called for any further nominations. There were none. Commissioner Rhoden accepted the nomination. Mr. Wade called for a vote on the motion to elect Commissioner Rhoden as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Cossey.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Expenditures for November and December 2019. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for November and December 2019. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #4, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for November 14, 2019. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for November 14, 2019. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Mr. John Hall, Union County, introduced himself and said that he and his wife had purchased some property near Providence to start a non-profit ministry in Union County, The Promised Land Family Ministries will provide programs for the county's youth and their families. Mr. Hall said that he is currently cleaning up the property and has discovered approximately 1000 tires that he needs help getting rid of. Mr. Kent explained that NRSWA is unable to waive any solid waste disposal fees. The NRSWA board established this policy back in 2012 due to noncompliant audit findings for waiving disposal fees. The counties are allowed to waive fees and Mr. Kent suggested that he contact Union County Commission with any request to waive tire or other solid waste disposal fees.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #6, Engineering Updates/Other. Ms. Carol Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that

the EGC Construction project is about halfway completed and is back on track after some delays due to weather and the holidays. Ms. Sawyer said that some Cell 7 activities have begun.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #7, LGTE Update. Mr. Kent said that the contract has not yet been signed but that the negotiations for the pipeline connection has been completed. The contract will be presented to the TECO board soon and that he hopes the contract portion of the project is completed by the end of February 2020. The pipeline connection is a better project for New River than the virtual pipeline. Mr. Kent added that SCS Engineering from California has been hired by the gas people to handle our project and they are working on the construction plans, Fortistar has provided an updated schedule which shows a May 2021 Operation Start Date. The original start date was February 2021 so only 3 months has been added to the project. Mr. Kent said he would like to schedule a groundbreaking ceremony in conjunction with the March board meeting and would let everyone know closer to that time. Mr. Kent said he has told Fortistar that NRSWA could help if any local problems come up on the project or if they incur any right of way issues. Commissioner Dougherty asked about the factors involved in the new May 2021 completion date. Mr. Woolsey said that the contract will provide for NRSWA to be paid if completion date is missed and which will increase with time.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion for Agenda Item #8, Discuss Approval of Annual Sod Quotes Received. Mr. Kent said that we had received 3 quotes in response to our request for annual sod quotes. Smith & Son's Sod Company was lowest with a price of .20 cents per sf for rolled Bermuda and .03 cents per sf for hydroseed, Suwannee Valley Grassing and Sodmore both provided a price of .21 cents per sf for rolled Bermuda. Suwannee Valley Grassing provided a price for hydroseed for .04 cents per sf and Sodmore for .03 cents per sf for hydroseed. Mr. Kent requested that the board approve all quotes received and that when needed we would contact the lowest priced company first for materials needed. If they did not have what we required, we could contact the other two companies.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion from the board regarding the sod quotes received. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve all the quotes and contact the lowest priced company first for sod materials

needed. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #9, Discuss Approval of Limerock Quotes Received. Mr. Kent said we had received 2 responses for our request for limerock quotes. The quotes are good for 6 months. Liberty Trucking's was the lowest quote for big rock for \$12.20 for material and freight. Pritchett Trucking was second with a quote of \$14.50 for material and freight for big rock. Liberty Trucking was the lowest quote for regular limerock for \$11.35 for material and freight. Pritchett Trucking was second with a quote of \$12.75 for material and freight for regular limerock. Robby Worrell Construction did not provide any quotes this time. Mr. Kent requested that the board approve all the quotes received so that we could contact the lowest first and then the second lowest when materials are needed.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion regarding the limerock quotes received. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve all limerock quotes received and contact the lowest priced company first for limerock materials when needed. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of Agenda Item #10, Discuss NRSWA-PRIDE Agreement for Signature for additional 5 years. Mr. Kent said that the contract with PRIDE is re-signed every 5 years. The agreement allows PRIDE to run their cattle on landfill property and they agree to perform the mowing and fence maintenance. There is a 30 day notice required if we determine we need the land they are using under this agreement.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to renew the agreement with PRIDE for an additional 5 years. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to renew the agreement. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #11, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. Patrick Irby, Solid Waste Director said he had checked with Allen Betz who reported no problems for discussion. Mr. Irby introduced Mr. Patrick Boyd, their new Safety Officer who was in attendance at the meeting today.

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Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #12, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #13, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent and Mr. Woolsey stated they had nothing further for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under agenda item #14, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. The board members had nothing further for discussion.

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