

NRSWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 9, 2020

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 July 9, 2020 with the following members present:

Commissioner Karen Cossey, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner James Croft (via Zoom)
Commissioner Channing Dobbs

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

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

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for May and June 2020. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for May and June 2020. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for May 14, 2020. Commissioner Rhoden made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for May 14, 2020. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #5, Engineering Updates. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that Phase I of the EGC Construction project was complete and that Jones Edmunds is working

on completion documents. Some earth work has been done for the Cell 7 Expansion Project and bids will be published by September with construction to begin in January, 2021. Cell 7 will be approximately 17 acres in size and is the final cell for Phase I footprint which includes the old Class III landfill site.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Update on LGTE Project. Mr. Kent introduced Dave Unger who was attending the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Unger stated he is with Fortistar who will be contracting to buy the gas from New River and build and operate the RNG plant with their partner, Peoples Gas. Mr. Unger said a lot has been accomplished in the last couple of months and they expect all of the contracts to be completed by the end of this month. So far, they have worked well with Mr. Kent, Mr. Woolsey and the rest of the team and noted that Mr. Kent has been very good at pushing this project. The facility location has been selected along with finishing the scoping and preliminary design including equipment selection. All construction documents are prepared and ready to be signed once the landfill gas agreement has been executed. Mr. Unger added that the landfill gas agreement is substantially complete and he plans to have their marked up contract back to New River soon, hopefully by close of business today or tomorrow. The pipeline inter-connection is almost completed and is just waiting on the PGS connection to Florida Gas Transmission. Mr. Unger said that the Fortistar board had approved the signing of all the project documents a little more than 60 days ago, so basically, all that remains to be completed is the pipeline inter-connection agreement for PGS with FGT.

Mr. Kent introduced Bill Blake with Peoples Gas who was also attending the meeting today via Zoom. Mr. Blake said that their board had approved this project back in February and that they are ready to sign when contracts have been completed which are very close to being done. This will be the first RNG project in Florida and PGS is excited about being a part of it. Mr. Blake added that the feedback from Florida Gas Transmission has been positive and that they are waiting on the reimbursement agreement from FGT which is pretty basic and should be received shortly. Mr. Blake said he is confident the project is moving forward.

Mr. Kent said that Fortistar had provided a project update handout for the board. Mr. Kent added that work is continuing and the contracts are very close to being ready to sign. He added that staff and Jones Edmunds had met with FGT in the past who doesn't really want landfill gas in the pipeline but that Peoples Gas has pushed it through for this project. Mr. Kent said

that although this project has taken some time, we will push forward and get it done.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion for Agenda Item #7, Discuss Purchase of 5000 Gallon Water Tanker. Mr. Kent said that in the past we had a water tanker that was also used as a backup for the county for fire reasons. Because of that the tanker was kept full. Mr. Kent said that over the years the steel tanker started to rust inside which required patching and repairing until it was no longer usable and was taken out of service. Since then the county has upgraded their fire department and no longer needs a backup tanker. Mr. Kent said due to construction and unsafe dusty conditions, we have a need to replace the water tanker. The tanker he found can be pulled up on the rolloff truck which cut the price significantly. The state contract price on this water tanker is \$81,770.00. Mr. Kent said the tanker is a 5000 gallon, is self-contained, with a diesel motor that can be pulled up on our rolloff truck. The rental cost of the water tanker rented for the EGC construction project was at a cost of \$4,222.00 per month and a water tanker will be needed for at least 4 months for upcoming construction needs. Mr. Kent said this year's budget does not include the purchase of a water tanker but that we did receive some money from the trade-in of an old piece of equipment when the new D8 was purchased. The balance would need to come from the escrow account. The delivery is estimated at 14 weeks from time of order so it does need to be ordered soon to be here in time for upcoming construction. Commissioner Thompson asked if this was a steel tank and if so, is it lined. Mr. Kent said it is a lined steel tank but will also not have to be kept full. Commissioner Dobbs asked about the warranty. Mr. Kent said the motor and pump system has a 3 year warranty and the tank has a 5 year warranty.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to approve the purchase of the water tanker. Commissioner Rhoden made a motion to approve the purchase of the water tanker. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under Agenda Item #8, Discuss Limerock Quotes Received. Mr. Kent said that we request quotes for limerock material and hauling every 6 months. We received 3 complete quotes for limerock for July through December 2020. The quotes presented for board approval are from Liberty Trucking, Pritchett Trucking and Robby Worrell Construction. An incomplete quote was received from Wendell Brown. Mr. Kent asked for the board to approve the 3 complete quotes and

when the material is needed we would contact the lowest priced company first, and then the second and third.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion to approve the 3 complete limerock quotes received for July through December 2020. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the 3 complete quotes received. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under Agenda Item #9, Annual HHW Toxic Roundup Recap. Mr. Kent said that a total of 18.3 tons was collected this year from our member counties for a cost of \$5,524.75 which was under the budgeted amount. The good news is that these toxic waste items did not end up in our landfill and that our counties are doing a good job of properly disposing of these materials.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under Agenda Item #10, Alachua County Issues/Items. Gus Olmos was attending the meeting via Zoom and introduced himself as the Alachua County Interim Solid Waste Director. Mr. Olmos said he had been with Alachua County for more than 25 years mostly in the Environmental Protection Department and has experience managing the Toxic Waste Roundups just discussed by the board. He added he was glad to hear our roundup events are successful and looks forward to working with New River in the solid waste department.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #11, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent and Mr. Woolsey said they did not have anything further to discuss at this time.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under agenda item #13, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were no comments.

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