The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met in regular session on May 12, 2016 with the following members present:

Commissioner Mark Hartley, Chairman
Commissioner Karen Cossey, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Eddie Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Gordon Crews
Commissioner Woody Kitler
Commissioner Kenny Thompson

Others present were: Darrell O’Neal, Executive Director
Perry Kent, Assistant Director
Melissa Waters, Chief Finance Officer
Lydia Greene, Office Manager/Admin. Asst.
Russell Wade, Attorney

Chairman Hartley called the meeting to order which was followed in prayer led by Commissioner Crews and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for April 2016. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the expenditures for April 2016. Commissioner Cossey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for April 14, 2016. Commissioner Cossey made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2016. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hartley asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion of agenda item #5, Engineering Updates. Mr. Joel Woolsey, Jones Edmunds, said there were no engineering updates or items for discussion.
Chairman Hartley called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Discuss TV 20 News Piece on NRRL. Mr. O’Neal said a couple of weeks ago TV20 in Gainesville came to the landfill and produced a news piece on New River Regional Landfill. Mr. O’Neal said he has a CD copy of the news piece to play for the board tonight for those who had not seen it. TV20 spotlighted the exposed geomembrane cover that DEP has approved for New River to use as final cover along with the benefits of using the EGC. This is also the first permit approval of its kind in Florida. NRRL’s partnership with UF was also discussed in the news piece. The commissioners complemented New River staff and Jones Edmunds on the news piece. Mr. O’Neal said he has had a lot of good feedback from those viewers who saw the news piece.

Chairman Hartley asked for discussion of agenda item #7, Discuss 2014-15 Audit – DDF. Mr. O’Neal said that Ms. Douglas with DDF is out on medical leave and was unable to be here tonight, therefore, the audit has been delayed until the June board meeting. Mr. O’Neal added that by statute the audit has to be completed by the end of June.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion for agenda item #8, Discuss adoption of 2016-17 Budget Proposal. Chairman Hartley asked for any comments on the proposed budget discussed during the workshop. There were none.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion to adopt the 2016-17 Budget as proposed. Commissioner Cossey made a motion to adopt the 2016-17 budget as proposed. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hartley asked for discussion for agenda item #9, Discuss meeting with Dr. Niblock, Alachua County Manager and staff on April 27th. Mr. O’Neal said he that he and Mr. Kent along with our engineers had met with the county manager and his staff last week. Mr. O’Neal said the meeting was very cordial and a variety of things were discussed. The primary question that Alachua County has is what our price is going to be. Mr. O’Neal said that in order to determine that an updated rate study will be needed and Mr. Woolsey has a work order to present to the board for that tonight. Mr. Woolsey said that the Rate Study Project is typically included in the budget each year in the event a waste opportunity comes up, so what is needed is to update the master rate study completed a few years ago. The Work Order is #70 in the amount of $10,000.00
Chairman Hartley called for a motion on Work Order #70, Rate Study Updates, in the amount of $10,000.00. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Work Order #70 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O’Neal added that the next meeting Dr. Niblock wants to have is with the City of Gainesville since their interlocal agreement states they are to be included in any negotiations. This will need to take place soon after the rate study update is completed. Mr. O’Neal asked Ms. Palmi, Alachua County Solid Waste, if she had anything to add. Ms. Palmi said that they are planning to meet with the City of Gainesville to brief them on all of the things that are going on right now and then the meeting will be set up. Mr. O’Neal asked if she could update the board on the recent meeting held with the Alachua Board to discuss solid waste issues. Ms. Palmi said their board had asked them to look at all of the options available which was presented to the board. The board then asked for additional information along with the pros and cons of each option. After that is given to the board, they will give them guidance from there. Ms. Palmi said she will share this information with New River after it has been presented to her board.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion of agenda item #10, Alachua County Issues/Items. Ms. Palmi said she did not have anything further for discussion.

Chairman Hartley asked for any discussion under agenda item #11, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said Mr. O’Neal had asked for review of the LGTE contract. There is no action that needs to be taken at this time and FEP is entitled to the contractual fee for termination and for not moving forward to the next phase of the project. Commissioner Crews asked the amount of the termination fee. Mr. O’Neal said the contract specified $60,000 and the invoiced amount was around $58,000.00 due to a credit. Chairman Hartley asked what we received for that fee. Mr. Kent said that FEP was doing some work on the construction portion of the contract and that we have received all the documentation of the work completed.

Chairman Hartley asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. O’Neal said he would like to discuss leasing the chipper with purchase in next fiscal year as discussed in the budget workshop including trading in the old chipper. Chairman Hartley asked if the lease payments would go toward the purchase price. Mr. Kent
confirmed all payments made would be applied toward purchase price and that the total cost of the chipper will be $373,506.14.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion to lease the chipper until October and then purchase for a total amount of $373,506.14. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the lease and purchase of the chipper as presented. Commissioner Cossey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion under agenda item #13, Board/Chairman Issues/Items.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cossey made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Kitler. The meeting was adjourned.