

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2024

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

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

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

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

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for May, June, July and August 2024. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for May, June, July and August 2024. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for May 9, 2024. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for May 9, 2024. Commissioner Thompson 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 #5A, Discuss Engineering Updates, Jones Edmunds Work Order #115, Miscellaneous Engineering Services FY 2025. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that Work Order #115 is for Miscellaneous Engineering Services FY 2025 in the amount of \$91,808. This covers all miscellaneous engineering items in the fiscal year including a new item for the first time EGC required reporting. Mr. Kent advised this engineering item is in the current budget.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #115 in the amount of \$91,808. Commissioner Croft made a motion to approve Work Order #115 as presented. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of agenda item #5B, Jones Edmunds Work Order #116, Title V Services FY 2025. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said that Work Order #116 is for Title V Services FY 2025 in the amount of \$69,610 and covers annual engineering services for all Title V Permit reporting. Mr. Kent added that this item is also in the budget.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #116 in the amount of \$69,610. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #116 as presented. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of agenda item #5C, Discuss Advanced Sole Source Purchase of EGC Liner. Ms. Sawyer said that the EGC Phase 2 covering 21 acres is currently being planned. Jones Edmunds recommends purchasing the liner under New River's sole source option from the same manufacturer that provided the material for EGC Phase 1 which is Solmax; their product is a good one for our location and is holding up well. Mr. Kent said that after talking with liner installers, the same liner will tie better to the liner that is currently in place and with no cost increase in the material. Mr. Kent added that we need to purchase now for the EGC project scheduled for installation next spring due to manufacturing time. This purchase will cost approximately \$1 million and will come from closure funds. Ms. Sawyer said that the liner has an expected life of 60-70 years.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on the purchase of EGC liner from Solmax. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to purchase the liner from Solmax. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer added she would like to update the board on the Master Planning Project currently underway. The Phase 1 landfill has about 8-10

years of life remaining and that planning for Phase 2 totaling 150 acres for disposal is starting now. Tonnages and projected tonnages along with rates are being studied now as they are the two big components of the study. Additionally, there are a couple of contracts that are up in a few years and they are seeing that tonnages in the past 10 years are up about 2.8% which is more than the increase in population. They are looking at future cost to operate and are also conducting a rate study under different scenarios. Mr. Kent added that we are looking at the future picture with Alachua County and without them and also with and without the other contracted counties and how all this affects tipping fees. Mr. Kent stated that in 3 years Alachua and New River has to state what their future plans are for contracted waste so this situation needs to be studied now. Ms. Sawyer added that Alachua County's waste represents 70% of the waste received at New River.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #6, Engineering Updates – Geosyntec agenda item 6A, Service Order 1 – Groundwater Monitoring Services FY2025. Mr. David Latham, Geosyntec, stated the service order he is presenting today is for Groundwater Monitoring Services for FY 2025 in the amount of \$69,300. Mr. Latham said that he is based out of the Jacksonville office and that Geosyntec has a 40 history in the solid waste business. Mr. Kent stated that this is in the current budget.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on Service Order 1 in the amount of \$69,300. Commissioner Jackson made motion to approve the Service Order #1 in the amount of \$69,300. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #7, Discuss Updated Limerock Quotes through December 2024. Mr. Kent asked Mrs. Greene to discuss with the board. Mrs. Greene stated we have received copies of letters from the plants that show 2 material price increases in 2024 which required new quotes from our haulers. The updated quotes for July through December 2024 reflects the increased per ton costs for Liberty Trucking, Robby Worrell Construction and Pritchett Trucking. Mr. Kent said he would like the board to approve all the quotes so that we can start with the lowest and go from there based on their ability to haul when we need it.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve updated limerock quotes as presented for July through December 2024. Commissioner Dobbs

made a motion to approve the updated limerock quotes in the order listed. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #8, Summary of Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Mr. Kent asked Mrs. Greene to present the summary of the annual events. Mrs. Greene said the summary provided shows number of participating households per county collection event, the number of pounds or tons collected and the cost for disposing of those materials. These events are held annually in February and March on Saturdays in each of the three member counties. Mr. Kent said that keeping this hazardous material out of our landfill is a definite benefit to the operations. Mr. Kent added that any citizen of our counties can go to any of the 3 events held which encourages more participation.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #9, Discuss Renewal of Existing Contracted Services Agreements. Mr. Kent asked Mrs. Greene to discuss with the board. Mrs. Greene said that all of the 3 year agreements are up for renewal effective 10/1/2024 for another 3 years. Mr. Kent had asked at the last board meeting if the board was in agreement for us to contact them to see if they would be willing to renew at the same rates for another 3 years. Of the current contracted agreements, all but three were in agreement to remain at the current rates. Our heavy equipment repair and maintenance contractor, lawn maintenance and pest control service companies have asked to implement the rate adjustment included in the RFP terms due to an increase in their cost of doing business.

Florida Tractor has requested a change to a flat hourly rate of \$135 per hour without any travel or other costs. This rate was compared to CAT, Ford and Zabatt and is lower than their hourly mechanic's rates. Southern Lawn Care has requested to implement the annual 5% increase option contained in his 3 year agreement. Gateway Pest Control has asked for an increase in one of their monthly services due to cost of chemicals.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the three year agreements along with increases requested in the three service agreements as presented. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the increases. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of agenda item #10 Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #11, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he would like to recognize Chairwoman Rhoden and Commissioner Croft who will not be running for re-election this term. Mr. Kent presented them with a clock and thanked them for their dedication and service to New River Solid Waste.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion of agenda item #1, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Chairwoman Rhoden said she had really enjoyed this board and would miss it. Commissioner Croft told stories about his start at New River as a commissioner on the first board and his role in the formation of the landfill.

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