

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on October 8, 2020 with the following members present:

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

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

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

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for July 9, 2020. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for July 9, 2020. Commissioner Rhoden 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, Discuss Engineering Contract with Jones Edmunds. Mr. Kent said that he would like to ask the board for a 3 year extension for the contract with Jones Edmunds that ended on October 1, 2020. Mr. Kent said that we are currently in Cell 7 construction along with other ongoing projects that will be carried over from last fiscal year. Mr. Kent said that the engineers have also already started on our operating permit renewal that is due in November of this year. Commissioner Dobbs asked if there are any changes to the contract. Mr. Kent said no changes to rates which are the same as originally contracted.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on the 3 year extension of the contract with Jones Edmunds. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to renew the contract with Jones Edmunds for 3 years. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #6, Engineering Updates. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, thanked the board and said there were three engineering work orders to present to the board. Work Order #97 is for Compliance Monitoring Services for FY 2020-2021 in the amount not to exceed \$66,000 and provides for groundwater and gas monitoring and reporting for the year.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on Work Order #97 for Compliance Monitoring in the amount not to exceed \$66,000. Commissioner Rhoden made a motion to approve Work Order #97 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #98 is for Miscellaneous Engineering Services for FY 2020-2021 in the amount not to exceed \$72,500 and provides for permitting and compliance applications and reporting. Mr. Kent added that all these engineering expenses were included in the budget for this fiscal year.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion on Work Order #98 for Miscellaneous Engineering Services in the amount not to exceed \$72,500. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve Work Order #98 as presented. Commissioner Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said that Work Order #99 is for Title V Services for FY 2020-2021 in the amount not to exceed \$84,883 and provides for all of the reporting required for Title V Permitting.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on Work Order #99 for Title V Services in the amount not to exceed \$84,883. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve Work Order #99 as presented. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said that Item D is to discuss Cell 7 construction updates. Ms. Sawyer reported that responses to the IFBs issued have been received and summarized. There are some questions outstanding that will need to be received before finalizing. Ms. Sawyer said that we received good prices for the liner materials. Only one submission was received for the liner installation construction portion of Cell 7. Ms. Sawyer added that Cell 7 subgrade work is under way. The other Cell 7 project work will begin the first of the year and completion is expected August 2021. Cell 7 will also be the end of the Phase 1 footprint.

Commissioner Dobbs asked about the water tanker that needs to be purchased. Mr. Kent said that the tanker delivery was pushed out about 3 months and our PO for purchasing it has been put on hold. Mr. Kent added that the new trackhoe was delivered but that we are still waiting on some parts.

Commissioner Dougherty asked about the testing issues in the EGC project and whether that has been resolved for the Cell 7 project. Mr. Kent said that this time we requested different information to evaluate and control expenses from the testing companies that are bidding on our project. Also, the testing for Cell 7 will be in control by New River, not the sub-contractor.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #7, LGTE Update. Mr. Kent said Dave Unger with Fortistar was attending the meeting via Zoom today. Mr. Kent said we have a LGTE contract that has been signed by Fortistar. Mr. Kent said a good job was done with this contract of taking care of New River Solid Waste and reminded the board that there is no cost to New River for this project, except for costs associated with putting the contract together, while Fortistar has a 35 million dollar investment in the project. The contract is for 20 years and will be a profit sharing project so revenue will be influenced by gas prices going up or down. Mr. Kent said Dave was good to work with and was always very responsive throughout the process. Mr. Kent said that 2 handouts were provided to the board today, a proforma of the revenues to New River and a project schedule. The proforma starts with 2021 and ends in 2040 and shows current market pricing. Mr. Kent said that the plan is for the project to be completed within 14 months. Mr. Kent added Fortistar has already

placed an order for the equipment. Mr. Kent stated that the Lease Agreement is mostly done but is not yet ready to be signed.

Mr. Woolsey asked Mr. Unger, Fortistar, to tell the board about the gas projects they are working on currently. Mr. Unger said that there are three gas projects in the works right now but he thinks New River is his favorite and is the best run landfill he has visited. Mr. Unger added he is excited about this project with New River and the quality of gas at our facility. Fortistar owns over 40 LGTE projects and this project fits the Fortistar portfolio perfectly.

Mr. Kent told the board that he appreciated the board letting staff do the work on putting the contract together and that he feels it is a very good contract with a proforma that is conservative and should be easily achieved.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on the contract with Fortistar. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to sign the contract with Fortistar. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent said we will have the groundbreaking event at the next board meeting on November 12.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under Agenda Item #8, Alachua County Issues/Items. Gus Olmos was attending the meeting via Zoom and stated he had no comments or issues for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #9, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade stated he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #10, 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 #11, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were no comments from the board.

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