The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for a Regular Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m. on September 13, 2018 with the following members present:

Commissioner Karen Cossey, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
Commissioner Jimmy Tallman

Others present were: Perry Kent, Executive Director
Joel Woolsey, Assistant Director
Lydia Greene, Office Manager/Admin. Asst.

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

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for June, July and August 2018. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the expenditures for June, July and August 2018. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Special Called Board Minutes for June 26, 2018. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Called Board Minutes for June 26, 2018. Commissioner Tallman 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/Other. Mr. Kent asked Mrs. Carol Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, to update the board on the engineering items. Mrs. Sawyer said
there were three Engineering Work Orders for the new fiscal year to present to the board for approval.

Mrs. Sawyer said Agenda Item 5A is for Work Order #85, Miscellaneous Engineering Services for the fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of $86,000 and covers all miscellaneous engineering activities as directed by the board.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on Work Order #85 for $86,000. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the work order. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sawyer said Agenda Item #5B is for Work Order #86 in the amount of $110,000 for all of the yearly engineering responsibilities for the landfill’s Title V permit. Chairwoman Cossey asked how this amount compares to last year. Mrs. Sawyer said this is $10,000 less than last fiscal year’s work order amount.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion on Work Order #86 for $110,000. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the work order. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sawyer said Agenda Item #5C is for Work Order #87 for Environmental Monitoring Services which is for all groundwater monitoring and reporting in the amount of $61,000.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion on Work Order #87 for $61,000. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the work order. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, LGTE Project Update. Mr. Kent said that Fortistar had sent a team to look at the landfill site on August 29th to determine which upgrades would be needed, how many wells we had, and identify anything else they would be required to do for the gas project. The plan was to be at New River for 2 days collecting all the information needed. Mr. Kent said they ended up being here for only a portion of one day since we were able to provide everything they had requested upon their arrival. Mr. Kent said their staff was surprised by some new things they saw in place at New River like solar panels at the wells. Mr. Kent added that Fortistar’s management is coming to New River on September 26th to discuss a draft contract and begin the fine tuning on the first contract for review. He feels that all is going well and in a timely
Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion for Agenda Item #7, Annual Toxic Waste Roundup Events – Recap. Mr. Kent asked Mrs. Greene to go over the recap of the annual toxic waste roundup. The board was provided with the amounts and types of waste that was collected at each county’s event. The totals were about the same as last year’s with approximately 22.5 tons of unacceptable waste being diverted from the landfill, which is a great thing. The budgeted amount was $6,900 and the invoice amount was slightly higher. Mrs. Greene asked the board if they would consider opening the three events to all citizens of our member counties regardless of address as we often have people who miss the designated day for their county. The board was in agreement.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #8, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. Patrick Irby, Acting Solid Waste Director, was in attendance. Commissioner Dougherty said that Bradford County has started a discussion with Alachua County to see if they could be of any help with the county’s recycling issues. Mr. Irby said he would do what he could to help.

Mr. Kent said he would like to add to the recycling discussion. New River has signed a three year agreement beginning October 1st with Reliable Recycling for an annual cost of $34,200 for all of the current collection site recycling locations and scheduled pickups for the member counties. This year the funding to pay for recycling expenses is covered by a reduction in our Workman’s Comp premiums for approximately the same amount.

Commissioner Dougherty asked about plastic and glass recycling. Mr. Kent said that citizens can bring those recyclables to New River for recycling. The elimination of plastic and glass recycling at the county’s collection sites began years ago and was due to SP Recycling’s cancellation of our contract after going out of business and our current recycling provider does not have the capability of collecting plastic or glass.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #9, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade was not present.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said Mr. Woolsey was hired as
Assistant Director the first week of July and he would like to request board approval to grant his leave time up front instead of having to wait until it’s earned.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to approve granting Mr. Woolsey’s leave time up front. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the leave time for Mr. Woolsey. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolsey said he would like to thank Mrs. Sawyer for her role since taking his position as New River’s Project Manager at Jones Edmunds and that her work on two major permits for New River issued this year, Title V and Cell 7 Expansion, went very well and came in under budget.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under agenda item #11, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There were none.

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