

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2022

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met for the Regular Board Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on September 8, 2022 with the following members present:

Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Chairwoman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Channing Dobbs, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Jimmy Anderson
Commissioner Jimmy Tallman

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 Thompson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for June, July and August 2022. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the expenditures for June, July and August 2022. 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 June 9, 2022. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes for June 9, 2022. Commissioner Dobbs 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 #5, Engineering Updates. Ms. Sawyer, Jones Edmunds, said there are 4 Work Orders to present today; 3 are fiscal year work orders and 1 is for a permit renewal.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #106 is for Miscellaneous Engineering Services for fiscal year 2023 in an amount of \$75,000. This work order covers any miscellaneous engineering and environmental services as directed by NRSWA during the fiscal year. Mr. Kent added that this is an amount not to exceed and we do not typically use all of the expense included in these work orders.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #106, Miscellaneous Engineering Services for FY 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #106 as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #107 is for the Title V Permit Renewal Application in the amount not to exceed \$26,910. Ms. Sawyer said that New River's Title V permit renewal is due in January 2023 and this work order will cover all of the reporting and data collection required for that permit. Cell 7 and the RNG plant will be noted but does not impact our Title V permit.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #107, Title V Permit Renewal Application in an amount not to exceed \$26,910. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #107 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #108 is for Title V Services for fiscal year 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$79,613 and covers all of the reporting requirements and recordkeeping that is required during the year in the air permit.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion on Work Order #108, Title V Services in an amount not to exceed \$79,613. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve Work Order #108 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer said Work Order #109 is for Permit Compliance Monitoring Services in the amount not to exceed \$77,500. This work order covers annual groundwater and surface water monitoring for permit compliance and reporting.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on Work Order #109, Permit Compliance Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$77,500. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve Work Order #109 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, Update – Opal RNG Project. Mr. Kent said that we have received 3 payments so far. There is a 30 day lag in the sale of the gas product. The first year revenue is not a lot, but we knew that. Mr. Kent said that there is an easement for signature that allows the pipeline to be placed on New River's property. This is a TECO's standard easement document which staff has reviewed to make sure the easement does not interfere with any landfill operations, current and future. Mr. Kent added that staff recommendation is to sign the easement to allow the pipeline to move forward and eliminate the virtual pipeline portion of the RNG project. Commissioner Dobbs asked if this would go under CR 199 as this is in his district. Mr. Kent said yes and he does have the pipeline plans to share.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on signing the TECO pipeline easement agreement. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the easement agreement. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent said there are some changes in the lease with Opal. One change is documenting the responsibility for any odor from the gas from the RNG project to Opal. It also includes their maintenance to their portion of the property. Commissioner Dobbs asked how much revenue has been received. Ms. Waters said since April we have received \$37,000. Mr. Kent said this doesn't always include sale of the RINs and takes in effect the virtual pipeline costs with Marlin. The payments we are receiving now also takes into account the startup variables with production as well. Commissioner Dobbs asked when the pipeline will become active. Mr. Kent stated that he has been told 60 days from the date of the signature we are asking for today but that is not a guarantee.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on signing the revised lease agreement with Opal. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to sign the new lease document. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under Agenda Item #7, Discuss Repair or Replace Compact Track Loader. Mr. Kent said we have a 2004 model that we use for multiple purposes including attaching a jack hammer to bust concrete for road material and a mower attachment for mowing side slopes. This track loader needs repairs estimated to be about \$20,000 and is only valued at around \$17,000. To purchase the machine on state contract is \$80,656, our trade-in allowance would be \$17,500, making our cost \$63,516. Mr. Kent added that he is renting that machine due to operation requirements of the landfill. Mr. Kent said this was not included in the budget but the trade-in of our old D6 this year was \$80,000 and he would like to use that money to purchase the new compact track loader that we are currently renting. Mr. Kent said this would come with all the new equipment warranties.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion on purchasing the compact track loader. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to purchase the track loader. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kent said he needed to advise the board that we have been notified that the landfill compactor we ordered and budgeted for in the upcoming fiscal year has had a price increase. Mr. Kent said this has never happened before. The compactor cost was \$772,104 at budget time and is now \$815,750, for an increase of \$43,653. Some good news is that the new buy back price on the compactor is \$50,000 higher than it was before so we will get the increased purchase price money back at trade-in time. Compactors have to be ordered far in advance and is scheduled to arrive here November 2022.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for a motion to approve the increased cost of the landfill compactor included in the budget in the upcoming year. Commissioner Dobbs made a motion to approve the purchase of the landfill compactor at the new price. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #8, Discuss Reliable Recycling Request for Adding Fuel Surcharge to Invoices. Mr. Kent said that Reliable Recycling is the only company that responds to our RFPs for recycling collection and has been providing this service since 2015. Reliable has requested a fuel surcharge of 20 % be added to the monthly invoice which Mr. Kent said he felt is reasonable due to the

increased cost of fuel. The recycling collection covers all of the rural collection sites in the three member counties which covers a lot of miles. Mr. Wade said we could include an extension to the current agreement while discussing approval of the monthly fuel surcharge. The board was in agreement. Mr. Kent said he would discuss this with Mr. Higgs when he talks to him about including the fuel surcharge to the current agreement. Commissioner Dobbs said he would like to also give Mr. Kent the authority to approve the amended contract. Commissioner Anderson said to be careful not to lose the current service since no one else wants it.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for a motion to approve the requested fuel surcharge while asking for an extension of the current agreement. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the requested fuel surcharge and to also include extension of the current agreement if agreeable. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #9, Recap of Household Hazardous Waste Events for 2022. Mr. Kent said that we have a recap for the board with information and that this year the collected materials were down for both Baker and Union County and slightly up for Bradford County compared to last year. The events that are held allow any citizen from the member counties to participate on any of the dates. We also advise citizens of the option to use the Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility next to the transfer station during the year.

Chairwoman Rhoden called for discussion under agenda item #10, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said there was no one here from Alachua County this week but that Mr. Betz and Mr. Olmos were coming to New River next week to meet about their upcoming transfer floor construction plans and their request for New River to help accommodate them during construction.

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

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Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #12, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. Kent said he did not have anything else to discuss.

Chairwoman Rhoden asked for discussion under agenda item #13, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Chairwoman Rhoden said she had recently returned from a mission trip to Honduras. The board was advised that Commissioner Croft is in surgery again today.

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