

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2015

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met in regular session on April 2, 2015 with the following members present:

Commissioner Mark Hartley, Chairman  
Commissioner Karen Cossey, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Eddie Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Commissioner Gordon Crews  
Commissioner Jimmy Tallman  
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 February 2015 and March 2015. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the expenditures for February 2015 and March 2015. 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 February 26, 2015. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2015. Commissioner Tallman 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. Woolsey, Jones Edmunds, said for Agenda Item

A, Class III Removal, the waste from the Class III site has been entirely relocated to Class I and the all that remains is to finish grading the site to leave it ready for development of the new cell. Once the finish grading is completed, soil samples will be collected and submitted to DEP along with writing up the reports to certify that the Class III waste has been completely removed. Mr. O'Neal added as a side note, when Putnam County visited New River a few months ago, they were talking about excavating their Class I waste to their lined cell, and we have moved more waste for about 1/5 of the cost.

Mr. O'Neal said for Item B, Phase II Bridge Crossing Update, the large box culverts were put in place yesterday which is a milestone for this project. Mr. Woolsey said that this went very smoothly and the area is now ready for road construction.

Mr. Woolsey stated for Item C, Phase I Closure, they are still working with DEP to work out details of using exposed geomembrane cover for temporary closure and adding the soil layer and sod later. Mr. O'Neal added that there are still hopes that the regulations are changed in the future to allow EGC for final closure. Chairman Hartley asked about having to cover with soil. Mr. O'Neal said that the closure will have to be submitted that way to DEP but will be after Phase I is finished. If Alachua County continues with their contract there will be at least 15 years before Phase I is finished, without them it will be about another 22 years. Mr. O'Neal said that between now and that time, we hope to get DEP to agree to allow using EGC alone for closure, saving the cost of placing soil and sod. Mr. Woolsey said that the longer we can push that into the future, the more opportunities we'll have to use advancements in technologies.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, LGTE Project – Alan Beer. Mr. O'Neal said that Mr. Beer isn't here tonight but that we have received FEP's revisions to the design contract. Mr. Beer called to say that after waiting on the FEP attorney's review there is now a snag with their insurance company. Commissioner Lewis asked if it would be finalized soon. Mr. O'Neal stated he felt it would be soon and that the motion from last meeting will not change due to this delay. The board's motion was to approve the design contract subject to our attorney's approval which will take place after receiving from FEP. Mr. Woolsey said that the snag has to do with limits of liability and that the contract was written to protect New River. Mr. Woolsey said that FEP will be able to work this out and is a fairly common contract issue.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion of agenda item #7, 2015 HHW Toxic Waste Event Report by County. Mr. O'Neal said that the annual Toxic Waste Roundup was recently held in each of the three counties as we have been sponsoring for the past 6 years or so. Mr. O'Neal said a summary of the collected items has been provided for each county. Baker County collected 4.23 tons which is down 1.47 tons, or 25% decrease from last year, Bradford County collected 10.56 tons which is down 1.02 tons, or 9% decrease from last year, and Union County collected 2.44 tons .56 tons, or 18% decrease from last year. All of the collections in the counties are down from last year and the reason isn't known but the good news is that about 18 tons of hazardous waste was diverted from the landfill as a result of these events.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion for agenda item #8, Discuss Staff Recommendations of Uniform Policy for Citizens who Bring Waste to NRRL. Mr. O'Neal said that the problem right now is that each county has a different set of rules which sometimes results in case by case handling with no clear way to apply the same policy to all citizens. Mr. O'Neal said the goal is to get one set of rules for citizens of all three counties who bring their waste to the landfill. Mr. O'Neal added that solid waste assessments haven't gone up in the counties although the cost to handle the waste has gone up. Mr. O'Neal said that there are 2 suggested uniform policies for the board to consider. The first is to charge all citizens or customers that use the landfill when they come on the scale. The second is for the county to pay for loads brought by citizens for household waste that could have been taken to a county collection site and to charge the citizens at the scale for other solid wastes such as demolition, construction debris, white goods, tires, e-waste, boats and any other solid waste that is acceptable at New River but cannot be disposed of at the county collection sites.

Commissioner Crews asked about the amount of host fees paid last year. Mr. O'Neal said that last year Union County received \$100,000 as the host county and an additional \$690,000 was divided equally three ways for the three member counties. Commissioner Crews stated that it had been discussed that New River is looking to cut the amount of the host fees paid to the counties in order to better fund closure escrow accounts so he feels that charging citizens at the landfill may help recover some of that money. Commissioner Crews asked how many tons were brought to the landfill by citizens last year. Baker County citizens brought a total of 37 tons in 2014.

After further discussion, Chairman Hartley called for a motion on a suggested uniform policy for citizens who bring waste to the landfill.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to adopt the suggested uniform policy shown in scenario #2. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hartley asked for discussion for agenda item #9, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said no one is present from Alachua County at the meeting tonight.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion under agenda item #10, Attorney Issues/Items; SP Payment Received. Mr. O'Neal said that Mr. Wade had written sent a demand letter to SP and we received the payment soon after.

Chairman Hartley asked for discussion under agenda item #11, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said that Preferred Materials Inc. has the DOT contract to repave SR121 and has offered New River asphalt millings for \$175.00 per load delivered. Mr. O'Neal said we received 6 quotes and Preferred's rate is less than ½ of the lowest other quote received. Preferred has stated this rate is good for a 5 to 7 mile radius which could be extended to others wanting the asphalt millings. Mr. O'Neal said since they are paving right here at New River he has had discussions with Preferred about repaving the roads at New River which was last done about 10 years ago. This project has not been budgeted for but there are budget items that can be reduced to cover the expense. Mr. O'Neal said that if we can piggyback the DOT bid the cost will be between \$150,000 to \$170,000 to pave our roads including striping. Ms. Waters said that the budget items that can be reduced are Repair & Maintenance, Fuel, and Operating expenses from this year's budget, with the remaining coming from interest income which is up this year. Chairman Hartley asked if this would include the new areas to be paved. Mr. Kent said that right now there are 2 projects that have to be paved which are the Phase II bridge crossing and the LGTE plant. Mr. O'Neal said that we will need to obtain the bid issued, the bids received with prices and the Notice to Proceed which will have to be matched in order to get this done. The motion needs to be made to piggyback the DOT bid for the SR121 repaving job with the project cost to be in the \$150,000 to \$170,000 price range.

Chairman Hartley called for a motion to piggyback the DOT bid for the SR121 paving project and be within the \$150,000 to \$170,000 price range. Commissioner Cossey made a motion to piggyback the DOT bid

with Preferred Materials Inc. for the paving at New River. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Neal said that there will be a drone demonstration here at New River on April 14<sup>th</sup> and that we are looking into drones to do our annual aerial survey which may save us some money.

Mr. O'Neal added that the CAT demo performed at New River has been featured in very nice Talking Trash article which he has copied for the board.

Chairman Hartley called for discussion under agenda item #12, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. Commissioner Crews said he would like to ask that New River consider not cutting the host fees to the counties this year as discussed previously as Baker County is currently in a \$1 million range deficit in their budget. Mr. O'Neal said he would prepare the budget both ways, with the host fees and without, for the board to review both scenarios. Mr. O'Neal reminded the board that if long-term care isn't funded it will become the liability of the counties after the landfill is closed.

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