

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 2015

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met in regular session on September 10, 2015 with the following members present:

Commissioner Karen Cossey, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Eddie Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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

Vice-Chairman Cossey called the meeting to order which was followed in prayer led by Commissioner Thompson and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #2, Approval of Expenditures for August 2015. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the expenditures for August 2015. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for August 13, 2015. Commissioner Tallman made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2015. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #5, Engineering Updates. Mr. Joel Woolsey, Jones Edmunds, said Item A covers the annual Work Orders for the new fiscal year. Item 1A is Work

Order #63, Miscellaneous Engineering Services in the amount of \$125,000.00 which covers many projects required for New River by DEP such as Stormwater Permitting, Monitoring, Financial Assurance, and other projects that may be directed by the board for engineering. Commissioner Lewis asked if this was within the budget. Mr. O'Neal confirmed this amount was within the budget for this item.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked for a motion to approve Work Order #63, Miscellaneous Engineering Services FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$125,000.00. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Work Order #63 as presented. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolsey said Item A2 is Work Order #64 for annual Title V Gas Services and includes collection, monitoring and all gas permitting for New River and includes assisting with the LGTE project permitting as well. The Work Order is for \$125,000.00 which is less than last year's as they were able to reduce some of the items. Mr. O'Neal confirmed this amount is \$25,000.00 less than what was budgeted.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion to approve engineering Work Order #64, Title V Services FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$125,000.00. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the work order as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolsey said Item A3 is Work Order #65 for Environmental Monitoring for FY 2015-16 and covers all of the required monitoring and reporting for surface water, groundwater, and gas monitoring for permit compliance as required by DEP in the amount of \$65,000.00. Commissioner Lewis asked if this was within the budgeted amount. Mr. O'Neal confirmed it is within the budget.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked for a motion to approve engineering Work Order #65, Environmental Monitoring for FY 2015-16. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Work Order #65 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolsey stated Item A4 is Work Order #66 for Landfill Operations Permit Renewal which is coming due in this 5 year cycle. The Landfill Operations Permit Renewal is due to DEP by mid-December this year. This work order covers preparing and submitting the permit renewal documentation to DEP and answering all questions they may have. Mr. Woolsey said the Work Order is in the amount of \$55,000.00.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion to approve Work Order #66, Operations Permit Renewal. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve Work Order #66 as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman called for discussion of Item B, discuss WasteCon Conference, August 24-27, 2015. Mr. Woolsey said that staff from Jones Edmunds and New River recently attended the WasteCon conference held in Orlando a few weeks ago. The conference is hosted by SWANA and is a big technical conference where discussions of the latest solid waste technologies and research related projects are shared with the industry. Jones Edmunds had three prominent presentations all of which focused primarily on New River. Jones Edmunds has been told by SWANA that they had one of their top presentations discussing EGC (Exposed Geomembrane), which has been approved for New River for closure. The presentation was very well received and Jones Edmunds has been asked to present this at future conferences. Mr. O'Neal added that a representative from DEP was in attendance who spoke about the EGC permitting process and also addressed an issue that has become a big national issue about what happens at the end of 30 years of longterm care. The EPA has not yet settled on the landfill's responsibilities after 30 years. Mr. O'Neal said that it was discussed that if the landfill is still producing leachate and gas after 30 years of Long Term Care, DEP's position is that maintenance will still be required. The term being used is "custodial care" and provides for continuing collection of leachate and gas along with mowing and environmental monitoring. Mr. O'Neal said that New River has not escrowed anything for custodial care so if in the future this is required, we will need to provide for setting aside funds for this as well. Mr. O'Neal said that since we are doing accelerated gas extraction now, at the end of that 30 years we may be exempt from custodial care. Mr. O'Neal said that if the money needed for longterm or custodial care has not been set aside by the time the last load is brought to the landfill, this will become the responsibility of the member counties. Commissioner Lewis asked if there was any idea as to how much money would be needed. Mr. O'Neal said that right now we have about 50 years or more of capacity, including Alachua County waste, and then 30 years more for Long Term Care. So it would be hard to estimate that now. Mr. Woolsey added that New River is "treating-as-we-go" now which lessens future waste related problems. Mr. Kent said the EGC will help along with the other things that New River is doing right will lessen that impact down the road. Mr. Woolsey said attending the presentation at the

conference was the head of DEP permitting in Tallahassee, the premier EGC researchers along with Dr. Townsend, UF, the premier of solid waste research, were all talking about what New River is doing differently which impressed a lot of people.

Mr. Woolsey added that in the most recent publication of Talking Trash, New River is once again featured in an article about EGC. Mr. O'Neal said that Max Krause, the UF grad who made a presentation to the board at the last meeting, also made a presentation at the WasteCon conference which was very well received. The board thanked Mr. Woolsey for everything they do.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #6, LGTE Project – Alan Beer. Mr. O'Neal said that Mr. Beer had a conflict and couldn't attend the meeting tonight. Mr. O'Neal stated that FEP is continuing to work on design portion of the LGTE and that paperwork has been completed for the PPA portion of the project. Mr. Woolsey said that the basis of design has been completed, signed and finalized which creates the ground rules for the plant design and puts the ball in FEP's court. Mr. O'Neal added this phase of the project is scheduled to be completed in December 2015 so actual construction should begin by the beginning of 2016, if all goes well.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #7, Discuss Renewing Service Contracts with No Pay Rate Increases. Mr. O'Neal said a list of service contractors scheduled for renewal who have agreed to do so with no pay rate increases has been prepared as discussed at the last board meeting. Mr. O'Neal said that Reliable Recycling currently has a one year contract and would like to have a three year contract. Commissioner Lewis said this should be better for New River. Mr. O'Neal said that the company does all of the county recycling collection for free.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion to approve renewal of all of the current service contracts with no pay rate increase, in addition to Reliable Recycling for three years. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve all of the service contracts as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion for agenda item #8, Discuss Responses Received for RFP 15-01 Computer Maintenance and Technical Services. Mr. O'Neal said that the current computer technician is planning to retire so we knew this was one contract that would require an

RFP. We received one response to the advertised RFP notice from Terry Lambert, Lambert Consulting, at a rate of \$80.00 which is the rate we are currently paying and who was also recommended to us. Mr. Lambert is located in Columbia County just past the Union line. Staff recommendation is to award the contract to Terry Lambert, Lambert Consulting.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion to award the contract for Computer Maintenance and Technical Services to Terry Lambert, Lambert Consulting. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to award the contract as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked for discussion for agenda item #9, Discuss Service Charge Increases on Capital City Bank Accounts (4). Mr. O'Neal stated that we have recently received a notice from Capital City Bank stating they were going to make changes to the service charges on our accounts. We have been paying service charges of \$45.00 per month for our Operating Account and no fees for our Escrow Accounts. Mr. O'Neal said Capital City is going to a fee service for our accounts at a rate of .12 cents per \$1,000.00 and to offset that is offering a higher interest rate for our deposits. In looking at July, 2015 there will be an increase in our costs of about \$70.00 per month, which may or may not be a good month to estimate the amount of activity on. Mr. O'Neal said that we are looking at several upcoming construction projects which will result in more money going in and out of our accounts along with more checks being written. Mr. O'Neal said that the new fees are not optional, this was the new way Capital City will be doing business with New River. Capital City also offered an option to deposit our escrow accounts into an FDIC account not held with them but is a money management firm with a minimum of \$1 million deposit. Our escrow accounts could be combined and interest will be paid at money market rates. Mr. O'Neal said it is unknown how much money could be put into the account due to the upcoming purchase of the compactor along with the scheduled construction projects. Commissioner Lewis asked how much money was in Capital City Bank. Mr. O'Neal said we have around \$12 million in our accounts. Commissioner Lewis said that he feels that if the bank wants our money they need to leave the fees like they are now. Mrs. Waters said the problem is that the bank has to collateralize public fund deposits in full. Vice-Chairman Cossey suggested that we take a look at the new fee structure for a couple of months and to develop an RFP to be ready to go if it is decided we do not want to pay the new fees at Capital City

Bank. Mr. O'Neal said the new fees go into effect October 1st and that we will monitor new fee increases and begin preparing an RFP.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for a motion on monitoring the new fees to be charged by Capital City Bank for a couple of months which will be reported to the board for a decision on issuing an RFP for deposit services. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve monitoring the new fees and reporting back to the board. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #10, Alachua County Issues/Items. Ms. Palmi said the recycling market continues to dive and she has seen more single stream MRFs closing all over the country. In talking to some colleagues, many facilities are currently being run in the red. Ms. Palmi said that they are lucky to have been able to get the SP employees and is happy to report that they are operating in the black right now. Ms. Palmi said that Alachua County continues to go through organization changes under their new County Manager. The new budget has passed and was the smoothest budget process she has seen in 20 years with Alachua County. Ms. Palmi thanked the board for all they do for Alachua County.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked for any discussion under agenda item #11, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said he did not have anything for discussion.

Vice-Chairman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #12, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said our 3 year environmental impairment policy was approved recently and he feels like it might have something to do with New River's proactive "treat-as-you-go" method of handling our solid waste and leachate. The new policy will take us through our current contract with Alachua County. Mr. O'Neal added that our landfill roads have been repaved recently by Preferred Materials who had the contract for SR121. The project turned out well and it will be quite a while before our roads will need to be resurfaced.

Vice-Chairman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #13, Board/ Chairman Issues/Items. Commissioner Lewis reminded staff to keep the board informed as to the amount of the new fees being charged by Capital City Bank. Mr. O'Neal said he would keep the board informed.

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