

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2017

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met in regular session on January 12, 2017 with the following members present:

Commissioner Karen Cossey, Chairwoman
Commissioner James Croft, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
Commissioner Woody Kitler
Commissioner Cathy Rhoden

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

Commissioner Cossey called the meeting to order and welcomed the new commissioners to New River. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thompson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cossey turned the meeting over to Board Attorney Russ Wade for agenda item #2, election of Board Officers for 2017. Mr. Wade called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Kitler made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cossey for Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. There were no further nominations. Mr. Wade asked Commissioner Cossey if she accepted the nomination for Chairman. Commissioner Cossey accepted the nomination. Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Cossey. Chairwoman Cossey called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Rhoden made a motion to nominate Commissioner Croft for Vice-Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. There were no further nominations. Chairwoman Cossey asked Commissioner Croft if he accepted the nomination for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Croft accepted the nomination. Chairwoman Cossey called for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Kitler made a motion to nominate Commissioner Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer which was seconded by

Commissioner Dougherty. There were no further nominations. Chairwoman Cossey asked Commissioner Thompson if he accepted the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Thompson accepted the nomination.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Expenditures for November and December 2016. Commissioner Kitler asked about the different charges shown for Liberty Trucking on November 18, 2016. Mr. Kent explained that this is separated to be able to track material charges and freight charges for limerock. Commissioner Kitler made a motion to approve the expenditures for November and December 2016. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #4, Approval of Regular Board Minutes for November 10, 2016. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2016. Commissioner Kitler 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 #6, Engineering Updates. Mr. Joel Woolsey, Jones Edmunds, said item "A" is to discuss the EGC Permit Status. The Exposed Geomembrane Cover (EGC) permit application has been submitted to DEP and an RAI (request for additional information) was received from DEP. Mr. Woolsey said that Jones Edmunds had responded to DEP and the end of the 30 day clock for receiving DEP's review and response is next Friday. Mr. Woolsey added there were no approval issues in the RAI and no further questions are expected. New River is the first landfill in the state to use EGC for cover and other landfills are waiting on New River's permit to be approved. Mr. O'Neal said that New River will do closure construction in-house which will be done in approximately 5 acre increments and there will be two construction projects in the next 3-4 years, Closure and Cell 7. Mr. O'Neal added that by steepening the slopes like we are doing now and adding more waste on the side slopes we will gain approximately one more cell for disposal space and will add about 85 acres to the current Phase I site.

Mr. Woolsey said item “B” is an update on Cell 7 Permit Status. Mr. Woolsey said that Cell 7 is in the planning stage and includes modifying the storm water system which is being done now. Jones Edmunds is also doing the planning for the geotechnical portion for drilling to be able to provide data to DEP on the bottom liner. Mr. Woolsey said that once the upfront data is collected a schedule will be set for sending the permit request to DEP.

Mr. Woolsey said item “C” is to discuss Asbestos Removal which is part of the Cell 7 project. Mr. Woolsey said that the Class III landfill area had been dug up and relocated in order to use that area for the future Cell 7. The only thing remaining in the Class III area is the asbestos material disposed of over the years. Mr. Woolsey said that New River had bid out for the removal of the asbestos a while back and the cost came back from the one contractor who submitted a bid was for more than twice what had been estimated for removal. Jones Edmunds had discussed leaving the asbestos with DEP but the goal has been to remove the asbestos all along. Mr. Woolsey said right now they are looking around to see what kind of prices we can get for removing the asbestos. Mr. O’Neal said our situation here is different than the company who bid the job had at another landfill as our asbestos is isolated and not buried with other waste so that should help with the cost of removal. Mr. O’Neal said that he would recommend that we get this done this year even though we have not budgeted for this project. This may require moving some things around in the budget to cover the cost.

Mr. Woolsey said that item “D” is to provide additional information on Title V. Title V is basically EPA’s regulation of gas emissions from the landfill and what EPA wants is gas emissions into the atmosphere to be eliminated. Mr. Woolsey said gas collection systems are required and are monitored by EPA. Last year big changes by the EPA resulted in much more stringent requirements to regular monitoring for active landfills which became immediately subjected to the new rules. Mr. Woolsey said that although New River was ready for it, the new monitoring requirements are much more stringent and will require more time and work to meet the new rules. Mr. Woolsey said that the first round of the new monitoring required went well and that the new EGC project should help control emissions and eliminate some of the monitoring work required.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #7, Discuss Approval if Annual Sod Quotes. Mr. O’Neal said that we request sod quotes

each year and staff recommends that the three quotes submitted be accepted. What happens when the material is needed is that the company who has it available and has the best price will be used.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on approval of the sod quotes received, using the company with the material available with the best price. Commissioner Kitler made motion to approve the quotes received. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion for Agenda Item #8, Discuss Approval of Semi-Annual Limerock Quotes Received. Mr. O'Neal said that limerock quotes are requested semi-annually and recommends that two quotes received are approved based on availability of material and best price.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on approval of limerock quotes submitted. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the limerock quotes using the company with the material with the best price first. Commissioner Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion for Agenda Item #9, Discuss New Side Slope Design and Investigating an Alternative Daily Cover. Mr. Kent said that he and Mr. Woolsey had gone to the landfill in Hernando County Landfill who is using a product called Posi-Shell as an alternative daily cover. They are using it for daily and also for intermediate cover. Mr. Kent said it is a spray on material that is a pliable cover material. When the EGC project is started, the sod that is already in place will have to be stripped off to be able to add waste to the slopes. To re-sod the slopes would cost approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year and then turn around to cover it with the EGC later. The problem is that the slopes can't be left uncovered for months without causing problems with storm water ponds and other issues. Mr. Kent said he would like the board to consider purchasing the Posi-Shell system eliminating the expense of using sod. The cost of the machine is around \$27,000 for the first year for the material to do 5 acres of side slopes and the equipment is a one-time purchase. The following years all that would be needed to be purchased would be the spray on material. Mr. Kent added that the EGC could be laid directly on top of this material. The Posi-Shell will also save money on tarps, tarp repairs and sod maintenance. Mr. Kent said that Hernando County has had this material in place for years with minimal maintenance. Mr. Kent added that right now

he is looking at sod expenses of round \$50,000 for the areas that need covering. Mr. O'Neal asked Mr. Woolsey what would be required to add this as an alternative daily cover. Mr. Woolsey said that he believes there is a memo covering this and that the modification to the permit could be completed with a letter or at that it should be a fairly simple modification. Chairwoman Cossey asked what is the cost. Mr. Kent said we do not have the product information as there are 5 different products available. The equipment cost is \$27,000 and that the total cost for equipment and materials will not exceed \$31,000. Commissioner Thompson asked what this would cover. Mr. Kent said this is the cost of the machine and product for 5 acres. Mr. Kent said that the sod cost for 5 acres would be \$40,000 which is in the budget. Commissioner Croft asked how often would this be used. Mr. Kent said that it would replace the current tarping system and that the tarp needs replacing now. Commissioner Croft asked what is the material cost per year. Mr. Kent said around \$6,000 for daily cover and the rest would depend on how much area for intermediate cover. Mr. O'Neal added there may be uses for the concrete product for other areas such as let-downs and may be able to be used in the place of liner in some applications.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to purchase the Posi-Shell system and materials. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to purchase the equipment and materials as presented. Commissioner Rhoden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Discuss Termite Machine Purchase and Upcoming SWANA Presentation on our Landfill Gas Collection Innovations. Mr. Kent said that the Termite had been purchased and had been delivered and used at the landfill by New River and Energyneering staff. After using it here, it was discovered some modifications were necessary. The Termite has 6 drill bits and is used to lower down into gas collection lines to increase gas collection volume. After the problems were encountered here at New River, the Termite was returned at no cost to New River. Mr. Kent said that he and Mr. Woolsey has been invited to the SWANA Conference in Tampa to do a presentation on the Termite and how it worked here along with other projects at New River.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #11, Discuss Dates for the 2017 Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Mr. O'Neal said that each year the member counties have a day for collection of household hazardous waste items. This program which is in cooperation

with Alachua County has grown over the years and helps keep toxic materials from going into the landfill. Bradford County will have theirs on February 18, Baker County on February 25, Union County on March 4.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #12, Discuss Purchase of Municipal Signs for the Town of Raiford. Mr. O'Neal said he has met with DOT about permitting for the signs and there are some regulations about the size and materials used. Mr. O'Neal said that the first step is to submit a permit application to DOT. Mr. O'Neal said he had attended the recent Raiford Town meeting who had authorized the mayor to sign the permit application and had requested that stakes be put out where the signs will be placed to give them a chance to look at the sites for approval. Mr. O'Neal said stakes will be put out for Raiford's approval and then DOT will be contacted for their approval as well. Mr. O'Neal said the signs will be PVC material with reflective lettering so it can be seen at night and will also have the wording Home of New River Regional Landfill. Commissioner Croft asked how this came up. Mr. O'Neal said that this had come up from the town and is basically a community service project as well as a promotional or advertising opportunity for New River. Mr. O'Neal said that the amount will be in the \$3500-\$4500 price range and will be brought back to the board for approval after the exact cost is obtained. Commissioner Dougherty asked how many signs and where. Mr. O'Neal said how many will depend on cost and the plan is to place at least two on SR 121.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #13, Update on Alachua County Contract – Resolution to Negotiate / Respond to RFP. Mr. O'Neal said that nothing is known about what is going on with the contract with Alachua County. At the last board meeting in November, Ms. Palmi reported she was working on an RFP for cost and other benefits. Mr. O'Neal said that our attorney has suggested that we adopt a resolution that will allow staff to negotiate with Alachua County. Mr. Wade added that this is fairly simple and will give staff the authorization to respond to Alachua County's RFP on a timely basis but that the board still has the final approval on the contract. Mr. Wade said that both private and public landfills and companies will be responding to the RFP and this will allow negotiations to be conducted appropriately. Mr. O'Neal asked Ms. Palmi if she had anything to add. Ms. Palmi said that they are working on the RFP now and it may be a couple of months from being issued. Also that the RFP will not just be based on cost and that other benefits will be part of the evaluation.

Commissioner Cossey asked when the contract with Alachua County is to expire. Mr. O'Neal said it expires December 2018 and that our agreement states that we are to be notified of their intentions one year prior to the contract end date. Commissioner Cossey asked that staff communicate with Alachua County as to when the RFP may be issued.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-1 authorizing staff to negotiate a contract with Alachua County. Commissioner Kitler made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #14, Discuss Damage to Scale House. Mr. O'Neal said that an Alachua County driver had put his tarp up while waiting to be weighed in. The video showed the tarp going all the way and then halfway back down. This was the second driver in that day and could not be seen due to it being dark outside. The tarp arm hit the building hard and in fact caused some damage inside the building. Mr. Kent added that the hydraulic arm on those truck tarps are big and is what caused the damage to the building. Commissioner Cossey asked if we could put something on the road to prevent this. Mr. Kent said we have plans to put something on the outbound lane but that sometimes these trucks take down the power lines in the back. Mr. O'Neal said we are getting quotes for the repairs and this should be at no cost to New River.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #15, Alachua County Issues/Items. Ms. Palmi said they are reviewing driver procedures now and implementing driver safety training as well. Ms. Palmi added that they have recently had all of their loaders go down at the same time and have had drivers out as well. Hopefully all will be back on track soon.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for any discussion under agenda item #16, Attorney: Discuss Robert Shaw Lawsuit Dismissal and Other Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said that New River has been dismissed from the lawsuit as we had no relation to the injury.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under Agenda Item #17, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #18, Board/Chairwoman Issues/Items. There was nothing for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion under agenda item #19, Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners Crews, Hartley and Lewis. Mr. O'Neal said he wanted to recognize the three outgoing commissioners, however, Mr. Lewis was not in attendance. Mr. O'Neal presented Mr. Crews and Mr. Hartley with plaques in recognition of their years of service to New River Solid Waste Association.

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