

NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2018

The New River Solid Waste Association Board of Directors met in regular session on January 11, 2018 with the following members present:

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

Others present were: Darrell O’Neal, Executive Director
 Perry Kent, Assistant Director
 Melissa Waters, Finance Officer
 Lydia Greene, Office Manager/Admin. Asst.
 Russell Wade, Attorney

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

Chairwoman Cossey turned the meeting over to Russ Wade, Board Attorney, for election of Board Officers for 2018. Mr. Wade called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cossey. Mr. Wade asked Commissioner Cossey if she accepts the nomination for Chairwoman. Commissioner Cossey said she would. Mr. Wade asked three times for any further nominations for Chairman. There were none. Mr. Wade called for a vote on the motion for Commissioner Cossey for Chairwoman. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wade turned the meeting over to Chairwoman Cossey.

Chairwoman Cossey called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to leave the remaining board officers the same as currently held, Commissioner Croft as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. Chairwoman Cossey called for a vote on the motion to leave the board officers the same. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion on agenda item #3, Approval of Expenditures for October, November and December 2017. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the expenditures for October, November and December 2017. 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 October 12, 2017. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Minutes for October 12, 2017. Commissioner Rhoden 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. O'Neal asked Mr. Woolsey, Jones Edmunds, to update the board on the engineering items.

Mr. Woolsey said for agenda item 6A, Work Order #83 is for Title V Air Operations Permit Renewal Application in the amount of \$35,000.00. Mr. Woolsey said New River's current air permit expires January 2019 and the new permit application must be submitted by June, 2018. The new permit will include compliance for the newest rules and regulations and will be for a 5 year period.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion to approve Work Order #83 for Title V Air Operations Permit Renewal Application in the amount of \$35,000.00. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve Work Order #83 as presented. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woolsey said for Agenda Item B, Discuss RFP for LGTE Project, they have begun drafting the RFP taking into consideration recent discussions with Alachua County about their interest in a CNG project at New River. The RFP will include using a portion of our gas in a high BTU project in addition to the CNG project as there is growth in that market. New River's gas generation could be used for both. The LGTE Project RFP is being drafted and should be ready within a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Dougherty said he had attended the Florida Rural Economic Development Summit recently and had spoken with several contacts from Florida Public Utilities who had expressed interest in coming to New River to discuss our project and assist in our project going forward.

Mr. O'Neal asked if we could hold the RFP draft until we had met with them in the event we wanted to add something to the LGTE project. Mr. Woolsey said that other options could be added to the RFP before it is issued and we should look at everything, so holding off for a few weeks for the RFP is not a problem.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of Agenda Item #7, Discuss Contract for Insurance Broker. Mr. O'Neal said that Roberts Insurance is our agent of record and has been providing our health, life and other insurance needs for quite a few years now. Their current contract is expiring February 2018 and Ms. Lori Thompson is here tonight to ask the board if they would like to continue their contract or do something else for Insurance Broker services. Ms. Thompson thanked the board for letting Roberts Insurance be New River's broker. Ms. Thompson asked the board if they would consider renewing the current contract instead of issuing an RFP for Insurance Broker Services as she shops insurance coverages each year already and has always done so. Mr. O'Neal added that we normally see from 3 to 5 quotes each year and because we are a very small group with 18 employees, providing health insurance to only 15 of them, makes it a little harder to get good coverage with affordable rates. Commissioner Dougherty asked if this was permissible for the board to do. Mr. Wade said yes, as it is a renewal of an existing contract or an extension of the contract term with no change of rates.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion to renew the contract for Insurance Broker with Roberts Insurance. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to renew the Insurance Broker Contract with Roberts Insurance. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion for Agenda Item #8, Discuss approval of annual sod quotes received. Mr. O'Neal said we are required to obtain sod prices annually as that is the longest period that the companies will quote. Generally the board is asked to approve all quotes received and when the material is needed, we contact the lowest priced vendor first and obtain the sod based on price and availability. We received quotes from Smith & Son's Sod Company, Sodmore and Suwannee Valley Grassing for both rolled Bermuda (.19, .20 and .22 sf) and hydroseed (.035, .03 and .04 sf).

Chairwoman Cossey called for a motion to approve the annual sod quotes obtained for 2018. Commissioner Croft made a motion to approve

the sod quotes for 2018. Commissioner Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion for Agenda Item #9, Discuss approval of semi-annual limerock quotes received. Mr. O'Neal said limerock has to be quoted every 6 months as that is the longest period that the companies will quote. We have received quotes from Liberty Trucking, Pritchett Trucking and Robby Worrell Construction for big rock for material plus freight (\$12.20, \$13.90 and \$15.22) and regular limerock (\$11.35, \$12.65 and \$14.72). These prices are unchanged from the previous 6 month prices. Mr. O'Neal said that as with sod, the board is asked to approve all the quotes received and when the material is needed we would contact the lowest priced company first and order based on price and availability.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion to approve the limerock quotes received. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve the limerock quotes for January 2018 through June 2018. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion under agenda item #10, Discuss letter received from the Alachua County Manager. Mr. O'Neal said a copy of the letter received from the Alachua County Manager was included in the board meeting packages. Alachua County is asking for a 6 month extension to our existing contract in addition to the 12 months remaining to the end of the contract. The reason may be that if they do not have a contract negotiated by the end of that time, they could be planning to move on to another waste disposal option. Mr. O'Neal said that Alachua County is going to draft an amendment to the current contract and send to us for review. That draft amendment hasn't been received at this time and when it has been, it will be brought to the board for discussion and approval. Commissioner Croft asked Mr. O'Neal for his thoughts on the issues contained in the letter, particularly the request to suspend the \$2.35 for 6 months. Mr. O'Neal stated he thought we should extend the existing contract for the 6 months requested but the \$2.35 surcharge should be discussed. Commissioner Croft said it sounds like Alachua County is wanting what was originally included in our offer to negotiate a new contract. Commissioner Croft said dropping the \$2.35 per ton surcharge was offered in good faith for a new contract negotiation, not for a 6 month extension. Mr. O'Neal said the draft amendment wording will determine how he feels about the terms of the 6 month extension and price reduction. Mr. O'Neal said he hoped that disposal rate and contract term would be

totally separate from the CNG project or any other project. Mr. O'Neal said he has had only had a brief conversation with Ms. Palmi since the Alachua County Board meeting back in November and that was today. Commissioner Croft asked about getting board approval for any new rate. Mr. O'Neal said the board would have to approve any rate change and the amendment proposed by Alachua County would be presented to the Board for their consideration.

Chairwoman Cossey called for discussion of agenda item #11, Alachua County Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said there was no one from Alachua County at the meeting tonight.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for any discussion under agenda item #12, Attorney Issues/Items. Mr. Wade said he did not have anything for discussion.

Chairwoman Cossey called for any discussion under agenda item #13, Executive Director Issues/Items. Mr. O'Neal said that Richard Crews has a presentation for the board. Mr. Crews said that the Town of Raiford had recognized New River Regional Landfill when the Back to Raiford Day was held in October. Raiford wanted to thank the New River board for the new welcome signs and had an appreciation plaque made which he presented to the board.

Mr. O'Neal said he is expecting he may be having back surgery soon and doesn't know how long he would be out of the office. In anticipation of his surgery he wanted to ask the board to designate Perry Kent as acting Director in his absence in the event of any immediate action needed.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for a motion to designate Mr. Kent as acting Director while Mr. O'Neal is out of the office following his possible surgery. Commissioner Dougherty made a motion to approve Mr. Kent as acting Director in Mr. O'Neal's absence. Commissioner Tallman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Cossey asked for discussion of agenda item #14, Board/Chairman Issues/Items. There was nothing further for discussion.

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