

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
PURCHASING DIVISION**

DATE: December 17, 2024

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

FROM: Shelby Ball, Purchasing Specialist

SUBJECT: Fourth Extension and Amendment to Agreement for Operations of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, Sludge Dewatering and Hauling (Bid 2021021)

BACKGROUND:

On February 16, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners awarded Bid 2021021 for the operation of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility located at the County Landfill located at 1350 74th Ave. SW, Vero Beach to Synagro South, LLC (“Synagro”). The facility receives domestic residuals, septage and grease from Indian River County wastewater treatment facilities, local septic tank haulers, and recreational vehicles. The Contractor will operate the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, haul sludge from the three County owned wastewater treatment facilities to the facility and be responsible for dewatering the sludge and disposing of it in the County Landfill.

The first extension and amendment was approved by the Board on February 1, 2022, the second extension and amendment was approved by the Board on February 13, 2023, the third extension and amendment was approved by the Board on February 6, 2024, and will expire on February 28, 2025. This is the final extension available on the Agreement.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has been satisfied with the service provided by Synagro and would like to exercise the fourth renewal to the agreement.

Article 4 of the Agreement provides an opportunity for Synagro to request a price increase in writing by January 1 of each year, to be effective for the upcoming term. Synagro has submitted a request to adjust the pricing in accordance with the CPI index (South), effective March 1, 2025. The amounts of the requested increases match the increase to CPI, which is a 2.66% increase. The Synagro request for an increase is on file in the Purchasing Division.

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	Change
Hauling	\$0.0334/ gal	\$0.0342/ gal	\$0.0008/gal	+2.66%
Processing/ Dewatering	\$257.95/ dry ton	\$264.81/ dry ton	\$6.86/ dry ton	+2.66%

CONSENT AGENDA

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Funding will come from the Utilities operating funds, which are derived from water and sewer sales. Hauling from the Wastewater Treatment Plants will come from the Utilities Fund/Wastewater Treatment/Sewage Sludge Removal (47121836-044730) account, and processing and dewatering costs will be paid from the Utilities Fund/Sludge/Other Professional Services (47125736-033190) account.

Account Number	Account Description	FY 24/25 Budget
47121836-044730	Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/Sludge Removal	\$545,000
47125736-033190	Utilities/Sludge/Other Professional Services	\$510,350

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the fourth extension and amendment to the agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it, after review and approval by the County attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENT:

Fourth Extension and Amendment