

# Indian River County Florida

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## **Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

**2019/2020 Budget Workshop on Tentative Budget and Proposed  
Millage Rate**

**Commission Chambers**

### **Board of County Commissioners**

*Bob Solari, Chairman, District 5  
Susan Adams, Vice Chairman, District 1  
Joseph E. Flescher, District 2  
Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4  
Tim Zorc, District 3*

**Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
Jacqueline Rizzo, Deputy Clerk**

**1:30 P.M. (PUBLIC HEARING) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (S.W.D.D.)**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR HEARING IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD.

*The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of the Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.*

County Administrator Jason Brown stated the Solid Waste Disposal District's (SWDD) proposed budget was \$17,857,578, a decrease of \$4.4 million. He highlighted that the recommended budget included an additional position to assist the Director of the SWDD, and \$500,000 set aside for future cell construction.

Commissioner O'Bryan brought to the Board's attention a presentation made by the Utilities Department at the July 9, 2019 Board Meeting regarding the problem of contamination in the recycling containers. He continued that at the July 16, 2019 Board Meeting, the Board voted for tippage fee relief to recycling hauler Tropical Recycling for the amount of contamination coming from the County's recycling program. He was pleased that the County had implemented the educational program and code enforcement to stop the problem where the recycling was being contaminated, but he felt it was not enough.

Commissioner O'Bryan requested the Board's approval to add \$48.60 to the proposed SWDD Assessment of \$120.90 to cover six months of mandatory County-wide trash pickup beginning April 1, 2020. He felt it was best to take corrective action now rather than wait 14 months for the next budget hearing. He continued that by adding the assessment to the proposed Budget for FY 2019/20, the increase could be added to the Truth In Millage (TRIM) Notices and still allow further discussions from now to the September 2019 Budget Hearings.

Chairman Solari recapped Commissioner O'Bryan's proposal for clarification.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Solari, to approve a charge of an additional \$48.60 for mandatory garbage service for all residents in the unincorporated area of the County for six months beginning April 1, 2020.

A discussion ensued on informing the public of the additional assessment and asking the Property Appraiser to include a notification of the SWDD Assessment to be mailed with the TRIM notices.

A question was raised whether the provision listed in the existing service contract for

mandatory County-wide garbage pickup had expired. Administrator Brown explained the provisions in the contract and suggested that for planning purposes, a proposed rate of \$8.50 per month for a total of \$51.00 would be advisable.

Commissioner O'Bryan amended his motion and Chairman Solari amended his second, to add \$51.00 to the SWDD Assessment which would cover six months of mandatory garbage pickup beginning April 1, 2020 for all residents in the unincorporated area of the County.

Chairman Solari opened the public hearing.

Property Appraiser Wesley S. Davis stated he would be willing to work with the Board on including a notification in the TRIM notices.

There being no further speakers, the Chairman Solari closed the Public Hearing.

County Attorney Dylan Reingold referred to County Administrator Brown for clarification in regards to the amended rates. Administrator Brown replied that the properties within the cities and outside the Urban Service Area would continue with the current proposed rate of \$120.90 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). He continued that the residents in the unincorporated areas and within the Urban Service Area, the rate would be \$51.00 higher, for a total of \$171.90 per ERU.

Property Appraiser Wesley S. Davis requested a simplification of the proposed SWDD assessment. He suggested an across the board rate of \$171.90 for all residents in the unincorporated areas of the County. He explained that using one rate during the budget workshop and hearings would ensure timely mailing of the TRIM notices as well as setting a rate ceiling for all affected residents. Should the Board decide on mandatory County-wide trash pickup, the rates could then be lowered to reflect final negotiated rates.

Commissioner O'Bryan summarized the proposed rate, amended his motion and Chairman Solari amended his second.

**A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Solari, to approve a proposed charge of \$120.90 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for residents within the cities and \$171.90 per ERU for residents in the unincorporated area of the County and within the urban service area for mandatory garbage service for six months beginning April 1, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Solari, Adams, Flescher, O'Bryan, and Zorc

**411-217 SANITARY LANDFILL**

**411-255 RECYCLING**

**19-0664**

Attachments: [Solid Waste Disposal District](#)

*The Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District adjourned and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.*