

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
PURCHASING DIVISION

DATE: January 19, 2023

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Second 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 of the agreement was approved by the Board on February 1, 2022 and is set to expire on February 28, 2023. Three one-year extensions are available, subject to vendor acceptance, satisfactory performance, and staff’s determination that renewal is in the best interest of the County.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has been satisfied with the service provided by Synagro and would like to exercise the second 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, 2023, as reflected in the following table. The amounts of the requested increases match the increase to CPI. The Synagro request for increase is on file in the Purchasing Division.

CONSENT AGENDA

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

To date and estimated costs are shown in the table below.

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Change	Actual costs Oct-Dec 22	Est. Cost Jan-Feb	Est. Cost Mar-Sep	Est. FY22/23 Annual Cost	Total Amount Allocated to PO
Hauling	\$0.0299/ gal	\$0.0322/ gal	+8%	\$122,917	\$81,945	\$309,751	\$514,613	\$475,000
Processing/ Dewatering	\$230.55/ dry ton	\$248.99 / dry ton	+8%	\$101,772	\$67,848	\$256,465	\$426,085	\$395,000

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 Operating Fund/Wastewater Treatment/Sludge Removal (47121836-044730) account, and processing and dewatering costs will be paid from the Utilities Operating Fund/Sludge/Other Professional Services (47125736-033190) account. Funds to accommodate the unbudgeted costs will be obtained by a budget amendment if funds are not available via line transfer, to be presented to the Board at a later date.

Account Number	Account Description	FY 22/23 Approved Budget
47125736-033190	Utilities/Sludge/Other Professional Services	\$395,000
47121836-044730	Utilities/Wastewater Treatment/Sludge Removal	\$475,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the second 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:

Second Amendment and Extension