

Indian River County Florida

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Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Commission Chambers

Board of Commissioners

*Peter O'Bryan, Chairman, District 4
Joseph H. Earman, Vice Chairman, District 3
Susan Adams, District 1
Joseph Flescher, District 2
Laura Moss, District 5*

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

B. Solid Waste Disposal District

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting of the Emergency Services District and reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.

15.B.1. [22-0514](#) Approval of FY 2023 CPI Adjustment Request by Waste Management for Franchise Agreement

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that the Board approve the request for a 3.00% rate adjustment by Waste Management, Inc. of Florida, and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to send a letter of approval

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Rate Adjustment Letter from WM](#)

Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Managing Director Himanshu Mehta stated that in accordance with the franchise agreement with Waste Management (WM) there was an annual provision in the agreement for a price adjustment to not exceed a cap of 3%. He stated WM did submit the request for the fiscal year 2023 requesting an additional increase of approximately 17.43%. A negotiation meeting was held to convey staff's position that they could not support such an increase and WM elected to maintain the 3% in accordance with the agreement.

Debbie Perez, WM Government Affairs Manager, outlined the reasoning for the requested 17.43% increase which breaks down to 16 cents per home, pointing out the 3% per the annual provision agreement would now be 2 cents per service, per home. Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, an infographic displayed the inflationary costs of 29% increase in maintenance costs, 99% plus increase in fuel costs, and a significant increase in front-line labor wage increases.

County Administrator Jason Brown stated he understood the inflationary costs WM was facing, as he has seen the same in the County's operations. He commented he hoped to continue the partnership between the County and WM and that WM does a good job.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Earman, to approve staff's recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss