

Indian River County Florida

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Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Special Call Meeting

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
Randi Wardlow, Deputy Clerk**

6. SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS

6.A. Solid Waste Disposal District

6.A.1. 19-0686 Preliminary FY 19/20 SWDD Assessment - Mandatory Garbage Collection

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that its Board vote to approve the proposed Solid Waste Residential Charge of \$107.44 per WGU, which equates to a rate of \$171.90 per ERU rate for the unincorporated areas of the County within the Urban Service Area, and to approve the proposed Solid Waste Residential Charge of \$75.56 per WGU, which equates to a rate of \$120.90 per ERU for properties outside the urban service area.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Director of Utility Services, Vincent Burke, appeared before the Board requesting direction on the Solid Waste Charge/Assessment that was voted on at the July 17, 2019 Budget Workshop Fiscal Year 2019/2020. Director Burke recounted that the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board had voted to approve a proposed charge for mandatory garbage service for all residents in unincorporated Indian River County.

Since that meeting, it was determined that it would be practical to apply the approved proposed charge to only those residents within the boundaries of Waste Management's Urban Service Area. Staff was seeking approval to move forward with an increased rate of \$171.90 per ERU for residents within the service area, and an unchanged rate of \$120.90 per ERU for residents outside of the service area boundary.

Commissioner O'Bryan requested clarification on the July 17th vote, which he recalled as differing from staff's recommendation. Discussion ensued among the Board and staff regarding the rationale for having two different service rates. Himanshu Mehta, Managing Director of SWDD, confirmed that the in-boundary rate was an estimate based on provisions of the existing service contract. A rate for residents outside of the service area could not yet be estimated, so those residents would not see any change to their SWDD assessment.

Commissioner O'Bryan clarified that the \$171.90 rate included only six (6) months of garbage collection, starting April 1, 2020, and would only apply to residents within the provider's Urban Service Area. He restated his concerns with contaminated recycling as the driver for the move to mandatory garbage collection.

Chairman Solari sought to reassure residents who were currently contracted for garbage collection that they would pay less for service once final negotiations were completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Solari, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc