

Indian River County Florida

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Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Commission Chambers

Board of Commissioners

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

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

B. Solid Waste Disposal District**15.B.1. 21-0963** Approval of Minutes Meeting of July 13, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve

Attachments: [07132021SWDD_Draft](#)

Approved

15.B.2. 21-0961 Approval of Minutes Meeting August 17, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve

Attachments: [08172021SWDD Draft](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021, and August 17, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15.B.3. 21-0952 Residential Paper Shredding Event on October 16, 2021

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that the Board approve the Fall Residential Paper Shredding Event to be held on October 16, 2021

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Contract MOU](#)

Managing Director Himanshu Mehta addressed the Board to introduce Ms. Jill Brown, the newly hired Recycling Specialist.

Recycling Education and Marketing Coordinator Sue Flak announced the free Residential Paper Shredding Event, to be held at Southeast Secure Shredding on October 16, 2021. She noted that the cost of the event would be covered by Waste Management.

No Action Taken or Required

15.B.4. 21-0953 Work Order No. 44 to Kimley-Horn for Landfill Gas Flare Skid Improvements and Pipeline Extension

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) staff recommends that its Board approve the following: a) Approve Work Order No. 44 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for \$226,420 to provide engineering services related to the

Landfill Gas Pipeline Extension and Skid Improvements; and, b) Authorize the Chairman to execute the same, as presented.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Reference Letter from IRED](#)
[Work Order No 44 - KHA](#)

Managing Director Himanshu Mehta referred to staff's memorandum dated September 24, 2021, to detail two (2) services that would be provided by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. with regard to the Landfill Gas Pipeline Extension and Skid Improvements. He made mention that several individuals were present to address the Board with regard to their involvement in the County's Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility project.

Gautam Arora, CEO and President of Biogas Engineering, spoke about his company and its concentration on the biogas system. He noted his excitement for the RNG facility project, which was projected to be the first of its kind in Florida.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan felt the RNG facility project should be added to the Legislative Appropriations from the State. His fellow Commissioners agreed, with Legislative Affairs & Communication Manager Kathleen Keenan agreeing to look further into it. County Attorney Dylan Reingold clarified that a portion of the project was private and that the County Attorney's office would assist with looking for funding.

Alain Castro, Managing Partner of the Indian River Eco District, informed the Board that he had located the best in class within each necessary field to assist in moving forward with the RNG production facility. He noted that Nopetro, LLC (Nopetro) would co-own the RNG production facility, and introduced representatives Jorge Herrera, Co-Founder and CEO, and John Del Rossi, Director of Business Development. Mr. Herrera utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of Nopetro's current operations, which included fueling facilities across Florida.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan inquired and received clarification from Director Mehta that the County would work together with their project partners to generate enough RNG to be beneficial to the County and to area businesses, such as Waste Management. Mr. Herrera answered the Vice Chairman's questions regarding the placement of RNG fueling stations in the United States and Nopetro's fixed costs versus variable costs. Mr. Herrera informed that the main variable involved the amount of biogas that could be provided by the County for purification.

Chairman Flescher added comments about future goals, including the ability to supply enough RNG to fuel the busses run by the School District of Indian River County.

Commissioner Adams thanked staff and their partners for continuing to explore sustainable systems, which will benefit future generations.

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

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

15.B.5. 21-0954 Florida Department of Transportation Property Acquisition

Recommended Action: The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Board accept the offer, approve the resolutions, and authorize the chair to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[109-2](#)

[702-2](#)

[903-2](#)

[Right of Way map - Parcels 109, 702 & 903](#)

There was discussion among the Board and County Attorney Dylan Reingold regarding moving forward with the intersection at I-95 and Oslo Road.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve staff's recommendation, including: 1) SWDD Resolution 2021-001, with regard to Parcel No. 109.2R (09/29/2021), Item/Segment No.4130482, Section 88601-2500, Managing District 04, C.R. No. 606 (Oslo Road/9th Street SW), in Indian River County, Florida, to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation a deed, or deeds, in favor of the State of Florida Department of Transportation, conveying all rights, title and interest that the Indian River County Solid Waste Disposal District (IRCSWDD) has in and to said lands required for transportation purposes, and said request having been duly considered; 2) SWDD Resolution 2021-002, with regard to Parcel No. 702.2R, Item/Segment No.4130482, Section 88601-2500, Managing District 04, C.R. No. 606 (Oslo Road/9th Street SW), in Indian River County, Florida, to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation a temporary easement, or easements, in favor of the State of Florida Department of Transportation, for the purpose of grading, sloping, tying in, reconnecting and harmonizing existing features, etc., together with the right of access, ingress and egress, along with any other incidences necessary or convenient in connection with the construction to be undertaken by the Department, in County Road 606 (Oslo Road/9th Street SW), adjacent thereto, and

said request having been duly considered; and 3) SWDD Resolution 2021-003, with regard to Parcel No. 903.2R, Item/Segment No.4130482, Section 88601-2500, Managing District 04, C.R. No. 606 (Oslo Road/9th Street SW), in Indian River County, Florida, to execute and deliver to the State of Florida Department of Transportation a license, in favor of the State of Florida, for the purpose of sloping, grading, tying in, harmonizing and reconnecting existing features of the Licensor's property with the highway improvements which are to be constructed together with incidental purposes related thereto during the period beginning with the date first above written and continuing until completion of the transportation project, but not later than the last day of July 2029, and said request having been duly considered. The motion carried by the following vote:

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