

Indian River County Florida

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Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Commission Chambers

Board of 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
Rhonda D. Zirkle, Deputy Clerk**

B. Solid Waste Disposal District

The Board 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. 19-0056

CCNA-2018 Work Order No. 4 to Geosyntec Consultants for Engineering Services with a Focused Feasibility Study for Use of a Deep Injection Well for Disposal

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that its Board approve the following: a) Approve CCNA-2018 Work Order No. 4 with Geosyntec in the amount of \$27,500 to provide engineering services related to the Focused Feasibility Study for Use of a Deep Injection Well for Disposal; and, b) Authorize the Chairman to execute the same, as presented

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[CCNA-2018 Work Order No 4 - Geosyntec](#)

Director of Utility Services Vincent Burke provided the background of his request to explore options for the treatment and disposal of leachate, centrate and wet-weather liquids. He clarified that the County had worked with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) in the past, and he requested the approval of a work order for Geosyntec to perform a Focused Feasibility Study for the use of a deep injection well for disposal. Director Burke confirmed that, if approved, he would return to a future meeting to provide options for consideration by the Board.

Commissioner Zorc suggested looking at the excess capacity of a permitted deep injection well on the property formerly owned by INEOS New Planet Bioenergy LLC, presently owned by Frankens Energy LLC (Frankens Energy). Director Burke provided feedback, noting that it was his understanding that Frankens Energy was looking into the integrity of the well due to their interest in having the well re-permitted.

Commissioner O'Bryan voiced his concern for deep injection wells; however, he supported high-level discussions with agencies such as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the St. John's Water Management District (SJWMD) to provide additional options for disposal, noting the increased number of septic-to-sewer conversions and the growth involving new developments requiring connection to the County's sewer system.

Chairman Solari was not supportive of moving the item forward, making mention of the articles he had recently read regarding biosolids contaminating the drinking water.

Commissioner Zorc sought and received feedback regarding the possibility of alternatives. Director Burke referred to a previous evaluation from CDM Smith in 2018, in addition to providing the list of deep well options Geosyntec would be researching following approval by the Board. Commissioner Zorc declared his interest for research of alternative options.

County Administrator Jason Brown was in agreement that other options should be researched and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Flescher was also hesitant to move forward with research involving only deep injection wells; he suggested tabling and redefining the item.

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

Aye: 2 - Vice Chairman Adams, and Commissioner O'Bryan

Nay: 3 - Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc