

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION

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**DATE:** January 20, 2022

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** First Extension and Amendment to Agreement for Operations of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, Sludge Dewatering and Hauling (Bid 2021021)

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**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 term of the agreement is set to expire on February 28, 2022, and four 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 first 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, 2022, 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 21 | Est. Cost Jan-Feb | Est. Cost Mar-Sep | Est. Annual Total | FY21/22 Budgeted/ Allocated to PO |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hauling                | \$0.0279/ gal  | \$0.0299/ gal      | +7.2%  | \$106,011               | \$72,000          | \$270,144         | \$448,155         | \$500,000                         |
| Processing/ Dewatering | \$215/ dry ton | \$230.55 / dry ton | +7.2%  | \$90,961                | \$63,159          | \$236,972         | \$391,092         | \$420,000                         |

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.

| Account Number  | Account Description                  | FY 21/22 Available Budget |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 47125736-033190 | Sludge – Other Professional Services | \$420,000                 |
| 47121836-044730 | Sludge Removal                       | \$500,000                 |

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the first 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:**

First Amendment and Extension