

Indian River County, Florida



Solid Waste Disposal District Draft Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Commission Chambers

B. Solid Waste Disposal District

16.B.1. Approval of SWDD Meeting Minutes of December 03, 2024

Recommended Action: Approve

A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to approve the SWDD minutes of December 03, 2024, as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman Loar, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

16.B.2. Approval of SWDD Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024

Recommended Action: Approve

A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to approve the SWDD minutes of December 17, 2024, as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman Loar, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

16.B.3. Request for Approval of Change Orders to CK Contractors and Development (CK) for Landfill Improvement Projects

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that its Board approve change orders to CK Contractors and Development (CK) for \$878,004.12, with an amended overall total of \$1,799,331.98, to provide construction services for landfill improvement projects, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to issue change orders to CK.

Himanshu Mehta, the Managing Director of the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD), provided an update on the Landfill Improvement project. This initiative

included the construction of a new concrete pad, a high-pressure skid, and a driveway crossing in connection with the Nopetro initiative. CK Contractors was selected for the job due to the lack of bids.

Mr. Mehta noted that the project encountered delays primarily due to weather conditions and the Indian River County Water Control District's (IRFWCD) rejection of a 43-inch pipe. This setback forced a switch to a 48-inch pipe, resulting in necessary change orders. He requested additional funding to see the project through as equipment rental costs had increased. The team needed to complete the project before the next rainy season while addressing water quality concerns. However, they would continue to face challenges with installing sheet piles and managing budget overruns, with some project components still pending.

During discussion, the Board and staff addressed the change order that led to increased costs for the pipe. The staff planned to attempt to resell the 43-inch pipe that was ultimately not used. There were inquiries about the notifications from the IRFWCD to the County, which contributed to delays concerning dewatering, bypass operations, and a permit reversal. Mr. Mehta estimated that overall delays could extend between six to nine months, alongside an additional cost of around \$220,000. Completing the project was crucial, and pursuing legal remedies was unlikely to yield effective results. It was emphasized that the challenges stemmed from decisions made by external boards rather than the actions of staff. Questions were raised about accountability regarding a \$43,000 pipe purchase tied to changes from the IRFWCD. The transparency of Kimley-Horn and their adherence to engineering principles were acknowledged, as efforts to collaborate with the IRFWCD had seen limited success.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman Loar, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

[Clerks note: Item 16.B.4. was heard after Item 5]

16.B.4.

Residential Paper Shredding Event on April 12, 2025

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff recommends that the Board approve the Spring Residential Paper Shredding Event to be held on April 12, 2025.

Recycling Specialist Jill Brown announced the Residential Paper Shredding event would be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at

Southeast Secure Shredding.

No Action Taken or Required

16.B.5. Update on the Invitation to Bids for the Landfill and the Customer Convenience Centers

Recommended Action: Solid Waste Disposal District staff is requesting Board input on the scope of work as detailed in the invitation to bid.

Himanshu Mehta, the Managing Director of the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD), presented an update through a PowerPoint regarding the Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the landfill and Customer Convenience Centers (CCC).

An agreement with Republic Services concerning the County's Class 1 landfill, initially signed in November 2010, and extended in February 2017, had a revised expiration date of September 30, 2025, following a nine-month extension.

Two ITBs were released for landfill operations and the five CCCs on January 10, 2025. Mr. Mehta clarified that the ITB was divided into Phase I for Vendor Qualification and Phase II for Vendor Bids. The SWDD staff recommended a 10-year agreement covering October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2035, with an option to renew for another 10 years.

Potential vendors were requested to submit bids for operations seven days a week and an alternative proposal should the landfill be closed on Sundays, based on traffic studies showing low tonnage on that day.

Although the current CCC hours would remain the same, a Sunday closure could influence the landfill's operation schedule. Mr. Mehta stressed the importance of a fair and transparent bidding procedure, complying with the Cone of Silence regulation that took effect on January 10, 2025.

Chairman Flescher thanked Mr. Mehta for the update.

No Action Taken or Required