

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – 1:30 P.M.  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Anna Prizzia; Vice Chair Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Casey Miller

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of the agenda.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Chestnut

**The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Wheeler and Vice Chair Alford not in the room.**

### **Items for Discussion**

1. 23-0678 Landfill Diversion Options

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation and provide policy direction to staff regarding potential future changes to the Solid Waste Element and related policies of the County's Comprehensive Plan

**Fiscal Consideration:** No fiscal impacts at this time.

**Strategic Guide:** Environment

Solid Waste Director Gus Olmos reviewed the Municipal Solid Waste process with the Board and gave an update on the different Landfill Diversion options.

Commissioner Wheeler entered the room at 1:34PM

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Commissioner Alford entered the room at 1:36PM

## Municipal Solid Waste

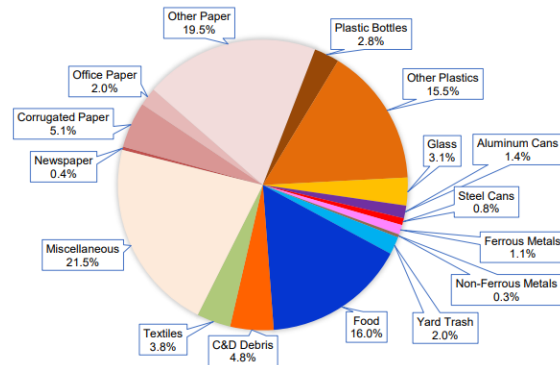
Leveda Brown Environmental Park

- Transfer Station

Residential & Commercial

New River Regional Landfill

~ 850 tons per day



2019 Waste Composition Study

## EcoLoop Evaluation Criteria

Zero Waste Strategies Report and Implementation Plan

- Zero Waste Guiding Principles
  - Keep Resources Local
  - Foster Job Growth
  - Emphasize and Support Upstream Solutions
  - Mitigate Climate Change
  - Address Environmental Justice and Create Equity of Service

Economic Development Benchmarks

Comprehensive Plan

- **Solid Waste Element - Policy 1.2.5**

Planned Development Master Plan

Current Landfill Diversion Options are:

- Zero Waste Practices: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Solid Waste Incinerator
- Advanced Mechanical and Thermochemical Processing
- Biological Processing
- Refuse Derived Fuel

Commissioner Cornell, Mr. Olmos, Chair Prizzia, Mr. Olmos, Commissioner Wheeler, Mr. Olmos, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Mr. Olmos all presented comments.

Commissioner Alford exits the room at 2:33PM

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Commissioner Alford entered the room at 2:36PM

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to keep the existing policies, and ask staff to bring back other types of alternatives that could potentially fit in the comprehensive plan.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Alford

Public Comment

Chair Prizzia recognized a citizen who presented comments.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Prizzia, and Mr. Olmos, presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

2. 23-0790 Board Rules

**Recommended Action:** Discuss board rules

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Strategic Guide:** N/A

County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented the above item. Attorney Torres and the commissioners had a discussion reviewing possible updates or changes to the Board Rules of Procedure that was asked of by the Board and Staff.

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, Chair Prizzia, County Attorney Torres, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Communications Director Mark Sexton, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Alford, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, County Attorney Torres, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Alford all presented comments.

**Closing Comments**

Public Comment

There were no public comments given at this time.

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Commission Comment

Commissioner Alford stated the plant of the month is Eggplant.

**Adjourn**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm