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December 11, 2020

Marissa Alexander, Solid Waste & Recycling Manager
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Re: In-Kind Project Proposal Conditional Approval
Department of Environmental Protection V. Hardee County Solid Waste Department,
OGC File No.: 20-1246
Hardee County Class I Landfill
WACS ID No.: 40612
Hardee County

Dear Ms. Alexander:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the County's In-Kind Project Proposal, to replace the Bathrooms and Septic System at the County's Pioneer Campground and to relocate the septic system inland to prevent the Peace River from inundating the system during the rainy season, received on October 23, 2020. The proposed project provides an environmental enhancement for pollution control activities and qualifies as an in-kind project in lieu of making a cash payment of penalties.

This in-kind project proposal is **conditionally approved**. Within 45 days of receipt of this letter, please provide the Department with a summary of the project's specifics (e.g. location, site plan, drawings, etc.) and documentation of quotes and/or bids demonstrating that the in-kind project will meet the required penalties threshold value of \$13,500.00. Please be advised that this conditional approval does not alleviate the County from obtaining any applicable permitting authorizations prior to the implementation of this project.

In addition, prior to the implementation of this in-kind project, the County shall provide documentation demonstrating that signage indicating that the County's involvement with this project is the result of a Department enforcement action was installed during the implementation of this project. Once the project has been completed as required by the Consent Order, the signage may be taken down. Lastly, within 30 days of project completion, documentation demonstrating that the septic tank relocation and associated Bathroom improvements are completed and that all costs as outlined in the enclosed proposal are paid shall be provided to the Department.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Alexis Black at 813-470-5912, or via e-mail at: Alexis.Black@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

Kelley M. Boatwright for:

Mary E. Yeargan, P.G.
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Enclosure: In-Kind Project Proposal (2 Pages)

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TO: Ms. Mary Yeargan, PG
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FROM: Randall K. Lanier; Public Works Director

SUBJECT: In-Kind Capital Improvement Project

REFERENCE: Department of Environmental Protection v. Hardee County Solid Waste
Department File No.: 20-1246, Hardee County Class I Landfill, WACS ID
No. 40612

DATE: 10/21/2020

Ms. Yeargan,

Hardee County Landfill would like to respectfully submit the following in-kind capital improvement project proposals in lieu of the \$9,000.00 civil penalties incurred with Consent Order OGC File No.: 20-1246:

1) Project Description – Resthaven Retirement Facility

The Hardee County Landfill would like to propose an in-kind capital improvement project of replacing the septic system at the Hardee County Resthaven Retirement Facility. This facility has been in service for over 70 years to assist Hardee County residents with their final years. The septic system in place has been added through out the years and contains 8 separate septic tanks; of which none are today's standards. These tanks are not solid containment systems, they contain open bottoms due to the years of installation being before standards preventing this type of system. The new system is being designed will bring this facility to 2020 DEP standards and be able to provide for the residents of Hardee County for many years to come.

Summary of Benefits

This new system will be installing two pump stations in the front of the facility and the rear of the facility to be able to pump all material to the new septic system. The installation of the septic system will be installed to 2020 design DEP standards showing the facility being more than 200 LF from the drinking water source. The drain field will be more than 20,000 SF to accommodate the 30-bed certification that

the facility holds. All updates required by the 2020 DEP Standards for this type of septic system are an improvement to all residents that benefit from this facility.

2) Project Description – Pioneer Park Campground Bathroom & Showers

The Hardee County Landfill would like to propose an in-kind capital improvement project for replacing the Bathrooms and Septic System at the Hardee County Pioneer Park Campground. This facility was damaged beyond repair during Hurricane Irma. The bathroom and showers for the campground were located very close to Peace River. During Hurricane Irma the septic system was covered by Peace River for more than 6 weeks. Due to the highwater from the rain season this septic system is usually under water for several weeks every year. Hardee County is requesting plans and design for this facility to be relocated to higher ground within the campground to stop this yearly breach of the septic tank system.

Summary of Benefits

The bathroom, showers and septic system will be brought up to 2020 DEP Standards. This system will also be relocated to an elevation that will not be underwater based on Peace River highwater elevations recorded at the Zolf Springs National Weather service recording station located with in the Pioneer Park campground. All highwater elevation have been recorded at this location since its inception of recording high water. The highest water elevation ever recorded was for Hurricane Donna and the second highest water level was for Hurricane Irma. This information being at the disposal of the design and planning team will make this new facility an environmental advancement for years to come for all people who visit the Pioneer Park Campground.

Sincerely,



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