

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

**Date of Meeting:** August 18, 2008

**Date Submitted:** August 4, 2008

**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
Cleve Fleming, Public Works Project Director

**Subject:** Request Board Approval to Purchase a John Deere Rotary Cutter

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to purchase a John Deere Rotary Cutter for the Otter Creek Wastewater Plant.

### **Background:**

The Otter Creek Wastewater Plant has 41 acres of spray fields that must be routinely cut for permit compliance. Presently, the Wastewater Department is using a mower that is approximately 15 years old for the task. The equipment recently had a gear failure which proved too costly to repair due to the age of the mower. Staff has determined that it would be more beneficial in saving both time and money to replace the mower rather than repair the drive unit.

### **Analysis:**

The Rotary Cutter will be purchased for a cost of \$9,898.35 through the State Contract for equipment. The supplier is Green South Equipment in Tallahassee. Staff is requesting that the Cutter be purchased out of the Lift Station Upgrades Account #435-0100-535-642. This account has a balance of \$14,358. Funding is available in this account due to the fact that no further improvements are anticipated for the rest of the fiscal year and the maintenance of the spray fields for Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Permit compliance is a higher priority.

### **Options:**

1. Approve the purchase of a John Deere Rotary Cutter.
2. Do not approve the purchase of a John Deere Rotary Cutter.
3. Board Direction.

### **Recommendation:**

Option #1

### **Attachments:**

1. Equipment Quote from Green South Equipment.