



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Department of Solid Waste Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - January 24, 2018

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the Department of Solid Waste Conference Room, 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Members and Alternates present were James Walker, Earl Gloster, Ben Shirley, Willie Joseph, Bill Pickrum, Scott Witt, Nick DiCeglie, Michael Gordon, Ray Boler, Tom Nicholls, Calvin Warren & Deb Bush. Pinellas County attendees were Paul Sacco, Interim Director Solid Waste, Linda Larkins, Stephanie Watson, Shelby Lewis, Terese Galluccio, Robert Mills, Greg Zellers, Sarah Herzig, Joe Morrissey, Assistant County Attorney, Brenden Mackesey, Assistant County Attorney and Deann Baker, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance from Waste Pro were Justin Helm & Tracy Meehan. Member absent without an alternate: Daniel Anspach from the City of St. Pete Beach.

Call to Order: After an introduction of all attendees, Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Citizens to be heard: None present.

Minutes: The Chairman called for review and approval of the meeting minutes of October 11, 2017 and November 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Earl Gloster and seconded by Michael Gordon to approve the TMC Minutes from the meeting of October 11, 2017 & November 15, 2017 as written. Motion approved. Motion carried unanimously.

New Member Introductions: Tom Nicholls from the City of Gulfport was introduced as Don Sopaks' replacement.

Proposed Meetings & Holiday Schedules: The 2018 proposed meeting and holiday schedules were presented and approved.

Mark Woodard letter addressing the TMC's Rate Recommendation: Paul Sacco summarized his discussion with County Administrator Mark Woodard and the contents of Mr. Woodard's letter to the TMC requesting a reconsideration of the proposed rate increase for FY19. The request was based that the following that were not considered in the recommendation:

- 2008 six month force majeure for the Waste to Energy facility
- No capacity payments were assumed from 2025 forward
- Pending Solid Waste Master Plan

Earl Gloster pointed out that the Rate Review Subcommittee didn't have the information from the first 2 bullet items in Mr. Woodard's letter. The rate study is what the subcommittee used to make the recommendation. Continuing to put the increase off for another year, the increase would go up from 5.77% to 6%+. The committee needs to decide the risk in this.

Ray Boler (Chair of the Rate Review Subcommittee for 2 years) has been asking the County for the Master Plan. He spoke about the "unknown" of the capacity payment from Duke, going from 50 million today down to 15 million when it terminates. How will the difference be made up to cover whatever the

Master Plan is? The Cities that Ray represents wanted a slow, gradual increase as opposed to waiting until the end, which would end up being an increase from \$37.50 per ton up to \$60+ per ton. The subcommittee was recommending beginning the increase FY19, rather than waiting. The rate increase was going to be 5.77% per year, up to 2035 but the TMC was going to review this yearly. There was discussion regarding the Rate Subcommittee meeting again or should the TMC make a recommendation. Should the recommendation be rescinded until information is provided in the Master Plan & information regarding the Power Purchase Agreement is finalized? Should it then be revisited?

Jimmy Walker suggested that the TMC wait to make a recommendation until the Master Plan is complete and more information is provided about the PPA. Since there has already been a recommendation sent to the County Administrator, the TMC would need to rescind that. Based on the new information, **Calvin Warren made a motion to rescind the recommendation of raising the rates by 5.77% for FY19.** All were in favor except for Ray Boler and Earl Gloster. The recommendation will be rescinded. **A second motion was then made by Michael Gordon and seconded by Tom Nicholls to make a recommendation to the County Administrator keeping the current rate at \$37.50 per ton.** A role call was done at this point. Ray Boler & Earl Gloster were both no's. The motion was approved by the majority. *A letter will be drafted by Linda Larkins with James Walker's signature for both of the aforementioned motions included, which will be sent to the County Administrator & the Board.*

Operations Report: Deb Bush, DSW Division Manager

- The Operations report is for October & November.
- System Performance was a little higher in October than November, which is due to residual from the storm. The normal is for November to be a little higher than October.
- The Waste to Energy Facility's rolling 12 month capacity average is moving up. November it was 89.08%.
- The Water Treatment Facility is operating. HEC3 had more Mobile events in October as they slow down for the Holidays in November.
- Business Waste Assessments are consistent.
- Tours and Presentations for the Recycling & Outreach Programs were up in November, due to the Great American Teach-In.
- The Master Plan – in negotiations right now. The budget will be given to Deb for the first go round by the end of this week, 1/26/18. Earl Gloster & Jeff Donnel were recognized for participating in the evaluation process which was time consuming and required detailed review and analysis. Ray Boler was recognized for assisting with the recycling consultant proposal reviews, which were voluminous.
- The Organics Composting Recycling Pilot Program is completed. Analysis demonstrated that the compost is of good quality & can be done with low cost. Solid Waste is currently waiting for Kessler to provide us with marketing opportunities. During the project, various disposable compostable tableware (plates, utensils, bowls and cups) were placed in the compost windrow to determine the efficacy of the breakdown to compost. The products are currently on display here at Solid Waste showing the results of the test. Publix provided pre-consumer food and spent grains and hops were provided by micro-brewery Big Storm.
- Infrastructure and CIP Projects are status quo. Completed recently was the side slope project.

Landfill:

- Waste volumes to the facility appear to remain slightly elevated due to hurricane Irma ongoing recovery efforts.

Financial Report:

- Linda Larkins reviewed the Financial Report which was for FY17 (10/1/2016-9/30/2017).

- The Clerk has not closed anything for FY18 which is not reported on at this time.
- Total Revenue was 105% and interest was more than budget. Interest is always budgeted a bit conservatively.
- Recovered Metals is 113% of budget, although the metals market was down for the bulk of the year, we collected on some previous revenue which accounts for the exceedance. Operating expenses were less than budget, primarily due to less chemical expenditures. Landfill Management was about 2 million less than budgeted.

Mr. Walker asked for the reserve fund balance. Linda will supply it via email as well as post it on the TMC Sharepoint site.

Additional Items:

- The Pinellas County Solid Waste webpage has a link to the TMC page which is not being updated. Deann will make sure that the page is being updated with documentation pertinent to the TMC. **Paul Sacco stated there is another Board of County Commissioner page that has all Boards and Committees, he will make sure that page is updated as well.**
- Pinellas County Solid Waste held a Paper Shredding Event, partnering with Pinellas County Human Services' Consumer Protection. The participation and quantity of material collected nearly doubled compared to the May 2017 event.
- On January 10, 2018, Pinellas Partners in Recycling, a sub-committee of the TMC, elected a Chair and Vice-Chair. Stephanie Watson brought the following nominations to the TMC for ratification:
 - Chair: Christina Perez, City of Dunedin
 - Vice-Chair: Deanna Doss, City of Gulfport

A motion was made by Calvin Warren and seconded by Deb Bush to approve these nominations. All TMC members were in favor.

- Michael Gordon asked about the Cities bringing paints to our HEC₃ facility that are dropped off or left by Largo residents. Mike would like to bring the paint to the SW HEC₃ facility. He was informed that once the City accepts the paint, it is considered "Business Waste" and could be disposed of at the Enviro- Business Day Collection Event. These collections are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The County's contractor, US Ecology hosts the event and extends the County's contract price to participating municipalities and businesses.
- Mr. Gordon also mentioned the City of Largo Storm Water Division meeting with the FDEP and requirements for covering dumpsters. He showed the group a flyer, but it did not have a Pinellas County logo on it, Brendan Mackesey, with the County Attorney will look into this, since he represents the Stormwater Division for the County.
- The TMC asked for a copy of the notes from the after action Irma meeting with the private haulers & Solid Waste. Paul Sacco stated that it was only a summary and was sent to Emergency Management to be incorporated into their global report and plan. The finalized report has not been completed by Emergency Management. Paul Sacco asked Terese Galluccio to send his notes from the meeting to the TMC.
- Deb asked for volunteers to represent the TMC on the Master Plan Team. Earl Gloster & Calvin Warren volunteered.

Adjournment:

Tom Nicholls made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Earl Gloster. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Deann Baker, Recording TMC Secretary