



# **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - November 29, 2007**

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the Department of Solid Waste Operations Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2007. Members and Alternates present were, Bob Brumback, Nick DeCeglie, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Don Ross, James Walker, Jeremy Hockenbury, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** Bob Brumback called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation. Bob introduced Nick DeCeglie, who is the new Alternate member representing the Private Haulers. Bob Hauser introduced Jeremy Hockenbury, Operations Manager for the City of St. Pete Beach, who will be replacing Connie Kone. Bob acknowledged Connie Kone's service to the TMC for her many years of dedicated service.

**Minutes:** The Chairman asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes and asked if there were any additions or deletions.

*A motion was made by Don Ross and seconded by James Walker to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

### **Operations Report - Deb Bush**

- Deb Bush introduced Karen Nunley, who will be working in the Accounts Receivables Section and Janice Burns, Scalehouse Program Coordinator.
- Deb presented the Operations Report and responded to questions.
- The BCC supported the TMC's recommendation not to fund the 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue Slurry Wall project.
- We have expended 90% of our CIP budget to date.
- Deb reported that we were closed on Thanksgiving and will be closed Christmas and New Year's and then will open at 5:00 am the day following those holidays.

### **Recycling/Waste Reduction - Deb Bush**

- Deb noted that the Recycling Grant notifications were distributed in your TMC packet. She stated that the form has to be completed and returned to Lisa Ledoux by December 31, 2007, otherwise the grant funds will be reallocated.

- The Recycling Sub-committee will be meeting at a new location – Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, FL on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. A tour of the LEED-certified facility will follow the meeting.

### **Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux**

- Lisa reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures ending FY' 06/07. Lisa reported that 90% of the CIP budget was spent and the WTE procurement projects got underway.
- Lisa reviewed an updated Financial Status Summary through the end of FY' 06-07 and then responded to questions.

### **North County Transfer Station - HDR**

- Bob Hauser introduced Dave Traeger and Bill Embree who have undertaken the responsibility of the TMC's direction to research a North County Transfer Station.
- Don Ross noted that the City of Dunedin brought this to the TMC in May, 2006 resulting from a rate study done by the City exploring ways to control their user fees. The TMC approved a feasibility study to conduct a preliminary investigation for a transfer station in North County.
- Dave Traeger presented the Conceptual Feasibility Report for a North County Transfer Station in response to the TMC's request which included potential services areas, waste projections, siting issues, hypothetical locations, and cost estimates.
- Dave stated that the conclusions of the research indicated that the siting issues would be difficult and that the Transfer Station was not economically attractive. The non-economic considerations were reduced fuel emissions, possible resident drop-offs, fewer truck deliveries to the landfill, collection overtime, and that it would be convenient for some citizens.
- Don Ross stated that it would take 10,000 truck trips away from the landfill. He also indicated that the Transfer Station would be available to both private and municipal haulers. Other advantages were small carbon footprints, a savings of \$300,000 to the City of Dunedin, a savings of \$8 - \$9 per ton to the City. Don asked the TMC, "What can we do to serve that 35% of North County that must haul longer distances"? Don then asked for the TMC members' feedback.
- Bob Brumback stated that it was the TMC's responsibility to serve the whole County; which is a critical issue in regard to a North County Transfer station. We need to look at a system structure that looks at benefiting everyone.
- Bob Hauser stated that he was looking for guidance from the TMC because the facility is not economic and the proposed transfer station would not serve the entire County. Bob Hauser stated that a Transfer Station does not become economically feasible until you are 45 minutes to an hour away.
- Bennie Boyd asked how a Transfer Station, that is not economically feasible, going to affect the landfill operation now? Bob Brumback responded that the rates would support the station – but, do we want to make that recommendation to the BCC? Ben Shirley asked what benefit does the City of St. Petersburg gain from this. Mike Connors suggested that the TMC should explore a Transfer Station further.
- After more discussion, it was agreed among the TMC members, that a North County Transfer Station should be moved to the next level.

*A motion was made by Don Ross and seconded by Mike Connors, that after the review of the North County Transfer Station Feasibility Study, based on interest of the TMC, we would like to explore the possibilities of developing concepts to bring back to the TMC at a later time. Those concepts should include the following items for investigation; best location countywide, market driven land acquisition costs, and equipment and operating costs. The vote was unanimous.*

*A motion was made by Robert Cyr and seconded by Bennie Boyd to investigate the possibility of setting up an HEC<sub>3</sub> center in north County. The vote was unanimous.*

### **Additional Items for Discussion**

- Bob Hauser reported that Pinellas County has received three qualified proposals to develop the Toytown Landfill site. The selection was just made the beginning of November which was Bear Creek; which is a group of about twenty firms. The Purchasing Department is presently doing due diligence and it expected that a recommendation will go to the BCC in early January.
- Bob Hauser reported that Grady Pridgen requested a variance change for 700 feet and to have the density changed from 70 to 35. The BCC had a number of questions and the hearing was continued.
- Judy Lund noted that the TMC 2008 Meeting Schedule and updated TMC Membership list was included in the TMC member packets and asked that everyone please check their information for correctness.

**Adjournment - Chair Bob Brumback** The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd, 2007 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

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