



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - January 30, 2008

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, January 30, 2008. Members and Alternates present were, Bob Brumback, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Don Ross, Thomas Nicholls, Charles Brewer, 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 Thomas Nicholls, who is the new Alternate member representing Pinellas Park. Bob Hauser introduced Joe Going, SW Operations Manager and Karen Nunley, Accounting Support Coordinator.

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

Correction to the Minutes:

Don Ross noted that during the discussions at the November 29th TMC meeting regarding the North County Transfer Station, that Mike Connors, City of St. Petersburg, had specifically asked that the consultant look at moving the waste generation centroid of the County.

A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by Don Ross to accept the TMC Minutes as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Deb Bush

- Deb presented the Operations Report and responded to questions.
- SW staff and Veolia are preparing for a scheduled outage on February 4th – 16th.
- The draft report evaluating options for a “modified” Reef Program has been received and is under review.
- The BCC is negotiating the future use of the Toytown Landfill. Bob Hauser reported that Bear Creek Group has been chosen and they will make a presentation to County staff in the near future.
- Problems with the new Hand Unload Facility and HEC₃ have been resolved and we expect to see a flurry of activity soon.
- Deb reviewed the construction projects that are being initiated during the scheduled outage.

- Deb noted that the 2008 “*Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow*” directories were distributed in the St. Pete Times on Sunday, January 20th. Additional copies are available for distribution.

Recycling/Waste Reduction - Andy Fairbanks

- Andy introduced the newly re-elected Recycling Chair, Sherri Kennedy.
- Sherri reported that all of the cities submitted Intent to Participate forms; therefore, there will be no reallocation of funds.
- The deadline for the Municipal Annual Recycling report was due February 1st. There are still a few cities that have not turned in their reports.
- The Pinellas School Board has requested a grant request from the TMC. This request was endorsed by the Recycling Subcommittee. Sherri stated that the subcommittee is supporting the request.

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures ending FY’ 07/08. Lisa reported that 7.9 million dollars was expended through the end of December. In the month of January five million dollars has been expended.
- Lisa noted that the first quarter is complete and that she has received seven recycling reimbursement requests which were processed last week. Proof of payment may include a check copy, general ledger, or the invoice stamped “Paid” will suffice. She noted that personnel records are not required.
- Earnest & Young has completed the field work for our Annual Financial Statement. Lisa reported that she will provide that report at the March TMC meeting.

Pinellas County School Grant Request - Wayne Hefty

- Wayne Hefty, Energy Coach for Pinellas County Schools, presented to the TMC the following request; a) To initiate a new C & D recycling program for 128 public schools within Pinellas County, b) To purchase outdoor classroom items (benches and tables) made of recycled materials at a total Grant Request of \$262,906.00.
- Bob Brumback opened the floor for discussion. Bob Hauser reported that Solid Waste staff had reviewed the proposal and this grant request is not a good project to fund. First of all, C&D is being recycled by the private sector. At our facility, we get very little C&D material. There are transfer facilities for this material; there is an existing infrastructure that functions very well. Also, there is no basis to substantiate the revenue. Regarding the playground equipment, this is not a legitimate expenditure of Solid Waste funds; therefore, Solid Waste Operations is not supporting this grant request.
- Bob Brumback asked for a motion. The request died for lack of a motion.

Additional Items for Discussion

- Bob Hauser reported that at our last TMC meeting, as Mr. Ross pointed out, the City of St. Petersburg requested that the consultant revisit the location of the centroid of solid waste generation. HDR provided a map noting the location, which is located in the proximity of Belleair Road and US 19.

- Bob Hauser reported that the Debris Management Interlocal Agreement has just been finalized and we will be forwarding that document to everyone in the near future.
- In response to several questions from TMC members, Bob Hauser updated the status of the proposed curbside recycling program. Last spring, SWO made a presentation to the BCC on new recycling programs which included curbside recycling, a beach recycling program and a litter program. The BCC approved investigating these programs further and bringing them back to the BCC for their consideration.

Under the curbside recycling program, as presently envisioned, the County would bid out curbside recycling collection in the unincorporated County. The County would then reimburse the cities for their curbside recycling programs. The estimated cost for this program is about \$8-\$10 million. The cities would continue to be responsible for, and operate their own programs. The type of program that the county would implement and how the program would be implemented are part of the current study. Kessler Consulting has been hired by SWO to perform the study which is due in June of this year. The results would be presented to the BCC and if approved, the work would move into the implementation stages.

There was much discussion regarding the program. Bob Brumback discussed various types of programs and explained the advantages of Clearwater's program. Bob Hauser stated the type of program the County would implement was part of the study. He reiterated that each city would operate its own program.

Mike Connors, City of St. Petersburg, discussed the work the City had performed evaluating curbside recycling and citing many environmental impacts associated with curbside recycling which led the City to expand its drop-off center program. He asked if the County was including an evaluation of environmental impacts in its study. Bob Hauser responded that such impacts were not part of the study. At Mike Connor's request, Bob said he would send a copy of the scope of work for the Kessler study to all members of the TMC.

There was some discussion of SWO's financial situation, particularly related to reserves. Bob Hauser stated that the County was undertaking an evaluation of the best way to manage the financial situation in the future. Because of all the construction work underway, reserves would be lowered to near the level that has been considered best for SWO. Therefore, we are not recommending any rate reduction this year. The financial study is intended to provide guidance for the future.

In response to a question from Mike Connors, Bob replied that in several years our excess revenues could be about \$30 million per year. Also, the curbside recycling program equates to about \$9.00 on the tipping fee. Bob Hauser stated that SWO would bring the results of the current study by Kessler Consulting to the TMC for review prior to presenting it to the BCC.

Mike Connors made a motion that the TMC convene a special committee, if necessary, in order to have the opportunity to review the draft consultant's report from Kessler Consulting, Inc., assuming it doesn't coordinate with our regular TMC meeting time and dovetail with the County staff. Ben Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment - Chair Bob Brumback The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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