

Pinellas County Utilities

**TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - June 25, 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, June 25, 2008. Members and Alternates present were, Bob Brumback, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, Thomas Nicholls, Jeremy Hockenbury, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director, Don Crowell, County Attorney and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Brumback called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation.

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

***A motion was made by Bob Cyr and seconded by Diana Hugg to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.***

**Opening Remarks:** Bob Brumback welcomed Tom Nicholls, the Alternate for the City of Pinellas Park. The Chairman also welcomed Bill Pickrum, Interim Solid Waste Director for the City of Dunedin, who will be replacing Don Ross on the TMC.

**Operations Report - Deb Bush**

- Deb presented the Operations Report and responded to questions.
- The County and Veolia, Inc. are nearing the final stages of negotiating the Landfill Services contract. The County expects to have a final contract to the Board in July, 2008.
- The County received six proposals for its Landfill Consulting & Engineering Services contract. A selection committee met on May 12, 2008 to evaluate and score the proposals. Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) received the highest score and the County is in the process of awarding the contract.
- The project to screen the landfill with native vegetation near the Lakes subdivision is moving forward. The County anticipates this project should be completed in August.
- A Lexus commercial, which was partially shot at the BWA Landfill, aired during the U.S. Open. It starred Annika Sorenstam and Chi Chi Rodriguez.
- In April we had 1,656 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants.
- There were three mobiles in April; Pinellas Park Home Depot had 592 participants, Tarpon Springs High School had 906 participants and Palm Harbor High School had 846 participants.
- The work to develop our Curbside Recycling program for presentation to the BCC continues. The report is due in June and will be presented today to the TMC.

- We are moving forward with development of the implementation plans for Beach Recycling, Litter Recycling, SQG (Small Quantity Generators), and reinstated Reef Construction programs.
- The results of our survey on solid waste collection in the unincorporated County will be available in June.
- The scalehouse software procurement project is continuing. An RFP is being prepared for issuance in the fall.
- On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> the WTE facility experienced a major failure of Turbine/Generator #1. This 50 MW machine generates 65 - 70% of total electricity sold. The current status is we continue to meet with Veolia, FM Global, and the consultants to review a number of potential options. We have located a used generator and also have looked at purchasing a new generator; compatibility, cost, and time invested to implement are all being considered. The preferred option is to purchase and refurbish a compatible used generator, which is currently in storage. Later in the week, tests will be conducted on the new generator to determine its condition and the refurbishments which will be required. The turbine is also under repair. Based on the extent of the refurbishments required, it is expected that the #1 Generator will be back on line in about 5 – 7 months.
- On June 10<sup>th</sup> we declared a Force Majeure with our Power Purchase Agreement with Progress Energy. This will help us maintain our rolling capacity averages and preserve our Agreement, which is our major goal.
- We are also working closely with FM Global to ensure that they receive all the information they require so that we may begin to receive payments under both our property and business interruption insurance. We will keep you updated as progress unfolds.
- All ash processing equipment has been installed and will begin startup operation testing the first week in June. The old ash processing building has been demolished. They starting working on the elevator in May and they should complete that by the end of August. They started construction/installation of the new solid filter press and that should be completed by September. The new spare parts warehouse is underway and that should be completed by July. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, the initial punch list 92 items out of 275 have been completed; 57 items out of 261 of the secondary punch list were completed in May.
- In May, our Recycling/Waste Reduction staff presented 2,214 citizens with tours and/or presentations. Business waste assessment plaques were presented to the East Lake Community Library, the YMCA of Pinellas, and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

Bob Brumback thanked Bob Hauser, the SWO staff, and CDM who should be commended for the great job on developing the RFP for Veolia's contract.

### **Budget Report - Steve Carroll**

- Steve Carroll reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures through May 31, 2008. Steve reported that \$28.4 million dollars was expended as of yesterday.
- Steve distributed the Financial Status Summary through March 31, 2008 and noted that revenues are running at 47% of what was budgeted. Bob Hauser noted that several million dollars of maintenance projects have been deferred until the new landfill contract is signed.

### **Curbside Recycling - Kessler Consulting**

Bob Hauser introduced Robin Mitchell who presented the “Draft” Curbside Recycling Plan and then responded to questions. Mike Sweet asked how the tipping fee would be affected by the cost of the curbside recycling funding to the entire County. Bob Hauser estimated the impact to be approximately \$9 million dollars before accounting for revenues. With our current situation the way it is today, we expect to generate sufficient revenues to pay for the curbside program.

The question was asked if the cities were not collecting glass and the County did collect glass, would that City be able to participate in the program. Bob Hauser responded that he did not view that as an issue at this time. Cities could choose not to recycle glass. Bob stated that the County was trying to make the program “*administratively simple*”.

Mike Connors asked what the role of the TMC was regarding this report. Bob Hauser responded that the TMC requested the draft plan be presented to them. Following any changes, the final report would be presented to the BCC at a workshop sometime in August or September. Bob Brumback stated that the BCC, has on occasion, asked the TMC for their recommendations. Don Crowell noted that this plan is directed only to the *unincorporated* Pinellas County – *not countywide*. Mike Connors stated that he has questions that he would like to ask Kessler Consulting regarding the plan apart from the TMC meeting. Robin Mitchell indicated that she would be happy to meet with him. Bob Brumback questioned Robin about the source of the data that was used for the report. She responded that they used data collected from the municipalities, Pinellas County, cities, counties, surveys, and in-house data.

Mike Connors noted that the proposed curbside recycling plan would go to the BCC sometime in August/September after the TMC had already made a recommendation for the tipping fee for 2009. This program would be effective for 2010; therefore, next year’s rate recommendation would include this program. He noted that the TMC would be making a recommendation for tipping fees including a recycling plan which has more financial impact on the fund balance than any other in the entire history of the plant. Bob Hauser responded that when staff brings this plan back to the TMC at a special meeting this summer, you can make a recommendation at that time, or at any time. Mike Connors noted that the TMC would be remissive if we did not exercise that right. Bob Brumback stated that the TMC is an apolitical group and it’s our responsibility to represent the 24 municipalities with regard to the solid waste funds and the operation of the solid waste system countywide. Mr. Marquis has always welcomed our input. Bob stated that we can make recommendations; either negative or positive comments. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was voted upon.

***Mike Connors made a motion to discuss the draft Curbside Recycling Plan further at a special TMC meeting, review the documents, and submit recommendations to the BCC through the County Administrator. Bennie Boyd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.***

#### **Election of TMC Chairman & Vice Chairman:**

Bob Brumback stated that for the benefit of those who were not at the TMC last month, Don Ross, Vice Chairman, has resigned and is working for Kessler Consulting. Bob stated that he retired from the City of Clearwater two years ago and has chosen to also retire from the TMC. So, you have to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman starting effective July 1, 2008; in the case of the Vice Chairman, it will be effective today. Bob opened the meeting for nominations for Chairman; Mike Connors and

James Walker were nominated; a role call vote was taken and James Walker was voted TMC Chairman 8-4. Bob then opened the meeting for nominations for Vice Chairman; Shari Rheuble, Bob Cyr, and Mike Connors were nominated; a role call vote was taken and Mike Connors was voted TMC Vice Chairman 6-3-3.

Bob Brumback congratulated James and Mike. He thanked everyone for the privilege of working with you all these years; I have enjoyed it thoroughly. Thank you very much.

**Additional Items for Discussion:**

- Bob Hauser presented Bob Brumback with an Appreciation Award for all the time and effort that he had put into the TMC – including being Chairman since 1999. You have made the TMC a successful organization. Deb Bush presented Bob with a t-shirt with a picture of the plant on it. Tom Crandall, Interim Utilities Director, thanked Bob for his many years of service on the TMC. Judy Lund read some of the many anecdotes Bob Brumback had shared over the years.
- Bob Brumback made a presentation to Don Ross for his years of service to the TMC.

**Adjournment - Chair Bob Brumback** The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

**[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.](#)**

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

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