



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting

May 26, 2004

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee was held at the Department of Solid Waste Operations Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, with the following persons in attendance:

TMC Committee Attendance:

City of Clearwater	Robert Brumback
City of Dunedin	Tom Percival
City Group A	Bob Cyr
City Group B	Allen Godfrey
City Group C	Richard Raus
City of Largo	Bennie Boyd
City of Pinellas Park	James Walker
City of St. Pete Beach	Connie Kest
City of St. Petersburg	Chuck Schauer
City of St. Petersburg	Steven Smith
City of Tarpon Springs	Barbara Hugg
Private Sector	Sandy Sanders
Pinellas County	Mike Sweet

Also Present:

PCU Finance	Lisa Ledoux
PCU Finance	Melanie Ventimeglia
Solid Waste Operations	Warren Smith
Solid Waste Operations	Judy Lund
Utilities Customer Service	Tim Wiley
Utilities Finance	Bob Green
LJK Consultants, Inc.	Luke Koon
Pinellas County Attorney	Don Crowell
Solid Waste Recycling	Jennifer Caldwell
Solid Waste Operations	Bob Hauser

Call to Order/Opening Remarks - Chairman Bob Brumback called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were approved and accepted as written.

Operations Report – Bob Hauser

Bob reported that 39,302 megawatts were sold in April – boiler availability was at 90%. There were eight diversions. Total system tons were 97,289, year-to-date total is 636,709 tons. The Class III expansion excavation should be completed by mid-June.

Bob stated that the HEC₃ center received 917 participants in April. Three mobile collections were held during April in Largo, Lealman, and Tarpon Springs. The events had a total of 1,434 participants. We have completed all of the mobile collections for Spring, 2004 and the next mobile collection will be held on September 11th at the Largo Solid Waste Facility.

Bob noted some other recent activities. We purchased a new radiological monitor that will help us monitor radiation sources. We are finalizing the protocol with Risk Management and we will also be trained in its use. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is drafting our permit for the Bridgeway Acres Landfill and we expect to receive the draft for review this month.

Bob reported that we received our event recycling trailers which can be pulled behind a truck for special festivals and other events. We are still waiting for our Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Mobile Event trailer for which delivery has been held up because of the steel shortage.

Bob reported that the design of the Master Plan Landfill Contractor Building and Vehicle Wash Facility are complete and are in the permitting process. We are in the process of designing the new hand-unload facility which is going to be placed behind the existing one. Bob reported that garbage had been discovered at the original proposed site that started about eight feet below grade and extended to 33 feet below grade. We intend to conduct more borings in an attempt to verify the amount of garbage, which will require us to re-evaluate our design. We are preparing to dredge Pond A.

Bob reported that we are in the process of negotiating with the firm to conduct our Master Site Water Study. The process to hire a firm to relocate our lift station is scheduled to go before the BCC on June 15th. On the Waste-to-Energy Procurement process, we have accomplished setting the detailed schedule and identifying all activities. We had four informational meetings for potential vendors in May and have placed ads to attract any other potential vendors. We have a Workshop scheduled for August 17th with the Commission.

Warren noted that we have had some pretty long “wait times” out at the scales a couple weeks ago and we are trying to get the word out to everybody that we did have one scale that had a major failure underneath the platform. We appreciate everybody’s patience with that; we did get with our Customer Service group and we made every effort to get the trucks through.

Recycling Update – Jennifer Caldwell

Jennifer reported that the business program website is up and running but some revisions will be made. Please let us know if you have any feedback for us. We are promoting environmental stewardship throughout the County. Marie is currently reviewing products and specifications to develop “best waste reduction and purchasing practices” and demonstrate cost-benefit savings.

Jennifer reported that the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program was presented to the subcommittee with the program participant details; it will be addressed again at the next subcommittee meeting and then will be presented to the TMC.

School recycling bins have been delivered to Phase I and II schools. We are presently evaluating how many more bins we may need to purchase to provide sufficient containment of recyclable paper.

Jennifer distributed the list of public outreach functions that have been completed. The Public Outreach work group met on May 3rd to discuss options for this year’s Pinellas Recycles Day event. The group intends to partner with the Country Jubilee Festival at Heritage Village on October 23rd. The next sub-committee meeting will be June 10th @ 9:30 am in the SWO Conference Room.

Jennifer stated that we have a draft of the Interlocal Recycling Agreement distributed at the May subcommittee meeting for comment; after the revisions are made, the subcommittee will bring it to the TMC for their consideration.

Customer Service – Tim Wiley

Tim stated that for the month of April we had 304 operating hours, scale hours were 1,216, of which there were no lane closings due to Customer Service, providing a 100% service level. The number of transactions processed during the month was 25,344. The actual numbers of vehicles through the scalehouse is up 5.3% from last year. There were a total of 380 tares for the month, 26 surcharges; and 104 OPS notices for special handling.

Budget Report – Lisa Ledoux

Lisa stated that she had distributed the '04 – '05 Tipping Fee Calculations to the TMC Budget Sub-committee. The committee will meet after the TMC meeting to review those figures in detail.

Budget Committee Chairman Selection – Bob Brumback

James Walker made a motion to select Steven Smith, City of St. Petersburg, as Chairman of the TMC Finance Sub-committee and Bob Brumback seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous.

Additional Items for Discussion

Warren Smith announced that last week Bob Hauser, Mark Santella and Tom White from Wheelabrator and myself, attended the North American Waste-to-Energy Conference in Savannah, GA. Kelsey Oswald, Steve Reinhardt and Dave Baker applied for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Award for ***Best Waste-to-Energy Plant*** and won!

Warren reported that the Tarpon Ridge Development is continuing the application for first hearing under the new ordinance scheduled for the Board of Adjustment on June 2nd @ 9:00 in the BCC Assembly Room. The BCC will be reviewing the variance July 27th.

Warren requested the TMC's agreement for bi-monthly meetings and requested that we discuss that at our next meeting. After summer break we can address that proposal along with a schedule of meeting dates.

Bob Brumback stated he had received Barbara Hugg's letter indicating that she will be retiring this month and he stated that the TMC will really miss Barbara. She has been with us for over thirteen years and has contributed greatly to the efforts of the TMC. Bob noted that her recycled plaque will be forthcoming. ***Congratulations Barbara and Best Wishes from all of us!***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.