



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting – June 22, 2005

~~~ Corrected TMC Minutes ~~~

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, June 22, 2005. Members present were Robert Brumback, Chairman, Sandy Sanders, Chuck Schauer, Steven Smith, Bennie Boyd, Tonya Wise, Don Ross, James Walker, Connie Kest, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting were: Warren Smith, SWO Director, Don Crowell, County Attorney and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Reporting Secretary.

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

Minutes: *A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 1st TMC Minutes as written.*

Operations Report – Bob Hauser:

- The Operations Report is attached.
- In May a total of 42,687 megawatts were sold; boiler availability was 94.83% with nine diversions. The system performance for May was almost 83,000 tons processed at the WTE facility, approximately 11,000 tons were landfilled for a total of over 94,000 tons received.
- In May there were 1,825 participants in our recycling programs. In May three mobile collections were held; Oldsmar, Indian Rocks Beach, and Treasure Island.
- Over 1,000,000 pounds of household electronics and chemicals have been collected so far this fiscal year.
- The permit modification to increase the height of the landfill has been submitted to FDEP.
- The bids for the new contractors maintenance building, the truck wash facility and the new maintenance & storage building for solid waste will be received soon.
- On June 7, 2005, the BCC approved the prequalification of three firms for the WTE Procurement Project. They are as follows: Covanta Energy Corporation, Montenay Power Corporation, and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc.

Recycling Update – Sherri Kennedy:

- The Recycling Report is attached.
- Sherri asked the TMC to review the Recycling Subcommittee Bylaws and asked to have them voted on at the next TMC Meeting. Sherri stated that the changes include reducing the number of members from 19 to 17; a few new cities have been added; two paragraphs have been deleted from the subsection on the definition of the private sector and non-profit sector; and those titles were eliminated. In addition, in Sections 4 and 5 there are wording changes.
- Andy Fairbanks noted the results for the final count for the recycling grants. Three municipalities chose not to take advantage of the grant funding; Town of Belleair Shore, Town of Kenneth City, and the Town of Redington Shores. The remainder of the funds, \$3,698.00 will be redistributed among the remaining cities.

Customer Service Update – Lisa Marshall:

- The Level of Service Report is attached.
- For the past month a 100% service level was achieved. There were 25,540 scale transactions, 255 tares; 2 surcharges and 159 OPS notices. There were a total number of 42 errors for an accuracy rating of 99.84%. Manual tickets; 1,111, operations notices – 159, and 304 operating hours. The total net tons processed were 132,036.51. There are two vacant positions.

Budget Report – Lisa Ledoux:

- Lisa briefly reviewed the Capital Improvement Budget (CIP); and the Financial Status Summary through May 31, 2005. This information is now available on the website.
- Lisa distributed to the TMC members the tipping fees that other facilities within a radius of 55-miles are currently charging.

Group “C” Cities Membership – Bob Brumback

- Bob Brumback stated that we have received notification that the two representatives from the “Group C” cities have indicated that due to job demands, they would not be able to continue their participation on the TMC.
- Sandy Sanders reported that he contacted Don Hambidge, TMC representative for Group “C” Cities, and reported that Max Maximo, Community Services Director for Madeira Beach has agreed to serve as the TMC representative for the Group “C” cities. Warren requested that we get something in writing from him and Sandy indicated that he would follow up.

Finance Sub-Committee Report – Steven Smith

- Steve reported that the Finance Sub-Committee met after the last TMC meeting to discuss the tipping fee of \$37.50. The Committee was composed of Steve, Bob Brumback, James Walker, Bob Cyr and Lisa Ledoux. After reviewing Pinellas County code related to rate setting and after

considerable discussion a motion was made to leave the tipping fee as it stands - \$37.50. A vote was taken and the motion was tied – two to two. Steve reported that the sub-committee could not reach a consensus on a recommendation to the TMC; therefore he brought the issue to the full TMC for resolution. After considerable discussion, Steve Smith made a motion that the TMC recommend to the County Commission that the tipping fee be lowered to \$32.00 rather than the present \$37.50. On a roll-call vote, the motion failed on a vote of five in favor and seven opposed. After additional discussion, *a motion was made by Bob Cyr and seconded by Tonya Wise for the tipping fee to remain at \$37.50.*

- On a roll-call vote, this motion passed by a 7 to 5 vote to leave the tipping fee unchanged at \$37.50.
- Mike Sweet offered a motion to form a sub-committee to look at any and all mechanisms to evaluate how excess reserves could be re-distributed back to the cities.
- *A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by James Walker to form a sub-committee to look at any/all avenues to redistribute excess reserves back to the cities.*
- The Chairman asked for volunteers to serve on the committee – James Walker agreed to be the Chairman. Bennie Boyd, Don Ross, Mike Sweet, and Don Sopak volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

Additional Items – Warren Smith:

- Warren introduced Pat Freed, Conservation Resources, who provided copies of a new brochure on *Surviving the Storm – Preparing for a Hurricane*. The debris management brochure will be coming out in two weeks and both will be available for distribution to all cities.
- Warren reported that we went out to bid for a debris contractor. Phillips & Jordan is still our debris contractor – we have a three-year contract with P&J, which expires in September, but can be extended for several more years. We will be distributing to the cities a draft Interlocal Agreement and giving each city the opportunity to make comments. If we need to activate the contract, the cities will be able to piggyback off this contract.
- Warren asked the TMC members to review the draft Interlocal Agreement for debris management and to provide comments. He also noted that each city would be required to have their own “lay down sites.”

Adjournment – Chairman Bob Brumback: The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2005 @ 2:00pm. Please note the change from our regular meeting day.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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