



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - March 22, 2006

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, March 22, 2006. Members present were Robert Brumback, Chairman, Sandy Sanders, Chuck Schauer, Steven Smith, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Connie Kest, Don Sopak, Dean Scharmen and Mike Sweet. Robert Cyr was absent. Assisting with conduct of the meeting were: Warren Smith, 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 2:02 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation. Bob introduced Bill Pickrum from the City of Dunedin, filling in today for Don Ross.

Minutes: The Chairman asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes. *A motion was made by Steven Smith and seconded by James Walker to accept the January TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

Special Report - Brian Armstrong, Enforcement Supervisor announced his retirement after thirteen years at Solid Waste, after a brief presentation prepared by Solid Waste staff, all wished Brian well.

Warren Smith also announced that Solid Waste has completed a reorganization yesterday which transferred responsibility for the landfill contract to Lora Ross; Bob Hauser has taken over supervision of the Maintenance Section, and Deb Bush will be overseeing Scale Services, reporting directly to Warren.

Operations Report - Deb Bush

- Deb Bush presented the Operations Report attached to the Agenda.

Customer Service Update - Deb Bush

- Deb Bush asked the TMC for direction on the Level of Service Report attached to the Agenda. Steven Smith stated that he felt that if SWO management does not require the report, the TMC does not need it. After some discussion, it was agreed that staff should only provide "exceptions" to the reports

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa Ledoux gave an overview of the Financial Status Summary for the first quarter 2005 – 2006. She stated that the bonds will be paid off at the end of this fiscal year. The budget for next fiscal year has recently been completed and the operating budget is \$14.3 million dollars higher than last year.
- Bob Hauser reviewed the draft CIP projects for FY 06 - 07.

TMC Reserve Reallocation Sub-Committee Report - James Walker

- James Walker reported that the subcommittee discussed the litter prevention program, which will be presented to the TMC by Kessler Consulting. We asked if there was any “new” concerns from the cities and basically decided to “sunset” the TMC Reserve Subcommittee until that time when the new contract is in place and then we can revisit the reserve issue.

Waiver of Disposal Fees - Warren Smith

- Warren stated that we had been waiving disposal fees for very specific criteria; charities, countywide litter collection and beach cleanups through Keep Pinellas Beautiful, and Red Tide fish cleanup. Recently, we have had requests for additional waivers; for example, seaweed cleanup and clean up of some County lakes, and we have had to turn them down.
- Bob Hauser reported that there is an old Interlocal Agreement created in 1994, which has expired waiving tipping fees for beach cleanup. Bob stated that it references an extraordinary storm event and fish kill from Red Tide outbreak are the only two criteria which allow for the waiver of disposal fees.

Litter Program Presentation - Kessler Consulting/Robin Mitchell

- Robin Mitchell & Kathleen Hennesey, Senior Consultants with Kessler Consulting presented the Pinellas County Litter Program Proposal to the TMC. Robin stated that Pinellas County is interested in developing a comprehensive countywide litter control program. Kessler researched several litter programs in Florida and the United States in order to identify effective litter control and prevention activities. Brief summaries of those four programs are included in their report.
- Five specific components for Pinellas County to consider were proposed to achieve a comprehensive litter program which should provide dramatic improvements in litter prevention and cleanup.
- Bill Sanders, Executive Director of Keep Pinellas Cities Beautiful, Inc., challenged the TMC to spread the word through advertising and education.
- Bob Brumback recommended that we review the Litter Program Proposal and take input at the next TMC meeting.

Additional Items - Warren Smith

- Lisa Ledoux noted that the TMC needed to appoint a “Tipping Fee Subcommittee”. Bob Brumback asked for volunteers; Steven Smith, James Walker, Dean Scharmen, Don Sopak, and Bob Brumback volunteered to serve on that subcommittee.

- Caroline Klos reported that Debris Management Training is being held April 26th and 27th. Please call her at 464-7579 for reservations. It is being presented by Dewberry & Davis – It's Free!
- Judy Lund reported that there is no Alternate for the City of St. Pete Beach. Connie Kest reported that Helen Wertel will be her Alternate and she will provide the paperwork to Bob Brumback.
- Chuck Schauer stated that "With great joy he announced his retirement". Chuck introduced Ben Shirley who will be his replacement and will be the Director of Sanitation for the City of St. Pete..
- Bob Brumback announced that his Assistant Director will be retiring June 30th so Tracey Mercer will be replacing Tom Downes at the City of Clearwater Solid Waste.

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

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2006 @ 2:00 pm and the Rate Review Subcommittee will meet @ 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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