



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - May 24, 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, May 24, 2006. Members present were Robert Brumback, Chairman, Sandy Sanders, Ben Shirley, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Don Ross, James Walker, Connie Kest, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Dean Scharmen and Mike Sweet. Mike Connors 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 2:00 pm. Bob welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation.

Minutes: The Chairman asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes. *A motion was made by Robert Cyr and seconded by Don Ross to accept the March TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

Special Report - Chuck Schauer, City of St. Petersburg, who had recently announced his retirement after serving many years on the TMC, was also in attendance. Bob Brumback presented Chuck with a commemorative plaque and all wished Chuck well in his retirement.

Chuck Schauer stated that it had been a real pleasure working all these years for the City of St. Petersburg and with the TMC. He noted that Ben Shirley will be St. Petersburg's new TMC representative. Chuck said, it was a real pleasure to have served on the TMC, but that he was looking forward to enjoying retirement.

Bob Brumback asked Ben Shirley to locate an address for Steven Smith who also recently retired and who had also received a TMC Appreciation Award for his many years of service.

Bob welcomed Ben Shirley, one of the two new St. Petersburg representatives serving on the TMC Committee.

Operations Report - Bob Hauser

- Bob Hauser presented the Operations Report attached to the Agenda.
- Andy Fairbanks responded to the TMC's request for the cities to provide a "wish list" for the Recycling Subcommittee's report on next year's grant funds. Andy noted that he had responses

from sixteen cities for a total request of \$3.4 million dollars. Bob Brumback directed Andy to come back to the TMC with a viable request for consideration from the Recycling Subcommittee.

- Bob Hauser reported that Lora Ross, Environmental Manager, will be leaving her position to leave and work in New Zealand. Bob wished her the best in her new endeavors.

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa Ledoux distributed the Budget & Expenditure Report for the first half of this fiscal year FY '05 – '06. Lisa reviewed the report with the TMC and responded to questions.

TMC Reserve Reallocation Subcommittee Report - Don Ross

- Don Ross reported that the Subcommittee reviewed the budget and tipping fees report for the next fiscal year and after some lengthy discussions the subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend keeping the tipping fee at \$37.50 per ton.
- For the new TMC members, Bob Brumback stated that we go through this review process every year in the spring. Lisa and the staff go through all the projections and they develop a report that is the basis for consideration for the next year's rate structure. In June, we write a letter to the County Administrator recommending the tipping fee rate for the next year.

Following this discussion, Sandy Sanders made a motion to accept the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee recommendation of maintaining the tipping fee at \$37.50; the motion was seconded by Bob Brumback. The vote was unanimous.

North County Transfer Station - Don Ross

- Don stated that the City of Dunedin recently conducted a rate study to look at long-term sustainability of their collection system and one of the ideas that resulted from the study was to look at constructing a North County Transfer Station. He stated that it is 32 miles round trip to the Solid Waste facility from their location, that they could reduce about 2,000 truck trips annually, including fuel savings and fewer air emissions. The possibility of transferring during the evening hours would also be an advantage in controlling the flow of traffic during peak hours at the Solid Waste plant.
- Don requested that the TMC consider the subject. After a lengthy discussion and considering the “*built out*” real estate status in Pinellas County and other issues with siting such a facility, it was concluded that a consultant would need to be hired to explore the feasibility of a North County transfer station. It was agreed that this item would be considered again.

Additional Items for Discussion - Warren Smith

• City of Largo Recycling

Bob noted that the City of Largo was going to discontinue recycling and wanted to open that up for discussion. Warren stated that a Recycling Options Report prepared by Kessler Consulting had been distributed. The report contained a number of options for County-wide recycling, including residential curbside collection. Bob Brumback stated that recycling *can be profitable*; that the City of Clearwater has about 60% participation rate and for \$1.95/month – it works. Bennie Boyd stated the City Manager of Largo made the decision to study their curbside recycling program. The TMC expressed support to Bennie in his efforts to continue recycling in the City of Largo.

• Code 106 Report

Warren stated that County Code 106, that requires a County permit for solid waste management facilities will come before the BCC on June 6th and June 20th, 2006. If you have such a facility, we

would appreciate your support to eliminate this requirement. Bob Brumback stated that he would support a motion for the TMC to support the Code 106 revisions.

Sandy Sanders made a motion that the TMC support Code 106 revisions at the BCC Meetings via Bob Brumback, TMC Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

- **Hurricane Season**

Warren stated that June 1st starts Hurricane Season and the County has prepared “*Surviving the Storm*” Brochures – If you need some of those please pick some up today. In addition, we are also going to post the Hurricane Debris Plan on the Utilities webpage. Warren stated that we had prepared a “draft” Interlocal Agreement last year which will be emailed to you. We have contracted with Phillips & Jordan for debris removal and PHR&A for debris monitoring; both firms will be available to any municipality and you will be able to piggyback on those County agreements in the event of a declared emergency.

- **Summer Schedule**

It was agreed that the TMC will meet on June 28th and eliminate the July and August meetings.

Adjournment - Chairman Bob Brumback The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2006 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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