



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - November 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, November 22, 2006. Members present were Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Michael Gordon, Don Ross, James Walker, Connie Kest, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Steve Carroll. Bob Brumback, Diana Hugg and Robert Cyr were absent. 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: Shari Rheuble called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Shari welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation. Shari reported the passing of Sandy Sanders on November 10th and that he will certainly be missed. Shari introduced herself as the Alternate for Sandy Sanders and that Judy Lund had the address of the family for anyone who would like to send a sympathy card.

It was noted that Sandy's position on the TMC was vacant and that his position was one of the two Pinellas County seats. The County used one of its seats to represent the private sector and that it was the County's decision as to who would fill that position. Jim Walker suggested that the private haulers be surveyed for possible replacements.

Shari welcomed Steve Carroll, Pinellas County's Utilities Finance Director, who is replacing Chris Staubus as the Alternate member for Pinellas County. Mike Connors, representing the City of St. Petersburg attending his first meeting, was also welcomed.

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

Operations Report - Deb Bush

- Deb Bush presented the Operations Report.
- From September to October our boiler availability ranged from 97.93% to 67.62%. The reason for the 67.62% in October is that we have been in an outage due to much needed turbine work.
- HEC₃ & mobile collections for September were 1,987 participants; October was 3,273 participants with one mobile collection that exceeded 1,000 participants at the Home Depot in Palm Harbor.
- The Lealman Solid Waste Collection Service is scheduled to begin January 2, 2007.

- We have completed the Beach Recycling Grant Pilot Program and the final report is available from Andy Fairbanks.
- We have submitted a grant application to DEP in cooperation with Hillsborough and Manatee Counties to study the feasibility of a regional publicly owned materials recovery facility. This project would help address the problem that we have processing recyclables shortage in this region.
- DEP issued our permit including the height increase. The permit was challenged by the Carillon Property Owners Association and we have been working with them to resolve several issues and we expect a final permit to be issued by the end of the year.
- Our contract with the City of Clearwater was approved by the BCC to provide recyclables collection and processing for the County drop-off facilities.
- The new truck wash facility, storage and maintenance buildings, and the landfill contractor's building are complete and we are in the process of moving into those facilities.
- Bids were received yesterday for the construction of the new HEC₃ facility and we expect the contract to be awarded in December.
- The lift station is complete.
- Two of the four scales have been replaced. That project has been moving along ahead of schedule; we expect that project to be completed by January, 2007. Bob Hauser thanked all the haulers for their cooperation and patience through this scale project.
- We have begun the design project for the construction of a new water treatment facility to treat Pond water so that we can use it for the Waste-to-Energy facility.
- The investigation and design of the refurbishment of the under drain at the Toytown Landfill is continuing...
- We have received three proposals for the Waste-to-Energy Operator process; they were Covanta, Wheelabrator and Veolia (Montenay). The evaluation committee will meet on December 6, 2006 and make a recommendation to the BCC. We expect to sign the contract January 6, 2007.
- PCU is now providing free transportation for educational tours. Interested schools should contact 464-7500. During October and November, test screenings of the "No Such Place as Away" video were conducted with elementary, middle, and high school audiences, as well as adults. The reception was very positive and several suggestions we received were incorporated into the final product.
- We staffed Pinellas Recycles Day on October 28, 2006 at the Country Jubilee at Heritage Village in Largo. Estimated attendance was 6,500 people. Our exhibit included the "Create-a-Critter" activities and recycling information.
- Thanks to all TMC and Recycling Subcommittee members who participated in the "Great American Teach-In" on November 15th. Presentations about solid waste management and recycling were given at 15 schools throughout Pinellas County.
- "Don't Trash the Holidays" campaign can be viewed on the Internet at http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/PDF/dont_trash_holidays.pdf.
- Keep Pinellas Beautiful administered a campaign sign recycling pilot that was funded by an FDEP grant during the November elections. Over 2,000 campaign signs were removed, reused or recycled. Contact Keep Pinellas Beautiful at (727) 533-0402 for more information.
- Municipal Recycling Grants totaling \$500,000 is available on a reimbursement basis for fiscal year 2006-2007. First quarter reimbursement requests are due by January 16, 2007. For more information, contact Rick Clarke (727) 464-7543 or email rclarke@pinellascounty.org.

Budget Report – Steve Carroll

- Steve Carroll reported that Lisa Ledoux was absent. He reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures for FY ending September 30, 2006.
- Bob Hauser noted that with the changes that have been made recently to the CIP process, we will be able to keep our projects on schedule.
- Steve responded to questions about the CIP budget.

Additional Items for Discussion

- Judy Lund reported that the 2007 TMC meeting schedule is in the back of the packets.
- Ben Shirley noted that the County’s website (A-Z Guide) regarding bulk item disposal which lists all the municipalities and reported that the City of St. Petersburg information is incorrect and suggested that all the cities need to check the website.
- Andy Fairbanks noted that “free pickup” refers to places in the County where they can pickup mulch free of charge. Deb Bush noted that there is a link to make any corrections if the information is incorrect.
- Bob Hauser reported that the A-Z Guide is maintained by Conservation Resources.
- Shari requested that Judy Lund send the link to all TMC Members for verification of their cities’ information.

Recycling Grants – Andy Fairbanks

- Andy Fairbanks noted that the video “*No Such Place As Away*” replaces “*Let’s Make Trash Extinct*” produced by Conservation Resources.
- The video received many kudos. Andy thanked the many people who helped pull the video together, especially the City of St. Petersburg. He indicated that the video will be available on the Utilities website.

Adjournment – Chair Shari Rheuble The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary