



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - March 26, 2008

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 26, 2008. Members and Alternates present were, Bob Brumback, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Bennie Boyd, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Mike Connors and Jeremy Hockenbury were absent. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: 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 and asked if there were any additions or deletions

Correction to the Minutes:

Lisa Ledoux noted that her statement regarding the Recycling Grants should be corrected as follows, "If personnel records are provided, I don't need proof of payment."

A motion was made by Bob Cyr and seconded by Don Sopak to accept the TMC Minutes as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Joe Going

- Joe presented the Operations Report and responded to questions.
- We are in the process of bidding the landfill services contract for the next seven years. Several contractors have showed interest. We did receive one bid from Veolia and are going through the process of that review. Don Ross, City of Dunedin and Kim Byer, Polk County, will be serving on the Committee which will be meeting on April 2nd to begin that process.
- Diligent work continues regarding permit compliance. We are looking at a buffer enhancement project on the West side of the landfill in order to continue being "good neighbors".
- We met with the development group that is looking at the development of Toytown. We will be having a meeting with FDEP to look at the issues and opportunities regarding that site.
- We are revitalizing the Reef Program and are looking at using contractual services for barge operations.

- The Slurry Wall Project along 118th Avenue is in the final stages. We met with FDOT and FDEP today, that agreement is nearing closure.
- Pond “A” embankment stabilization project is also being finalized and going out for bid.
- HEC₃ and the Hand-unload Projects are also going out for bid.
- The WTE initial punchlist included 275 items. As of February, 58 of those items have been completed. The final secondary punchlist contained 261 items, the cost has exceeded the pre-authorization amount included in the contract and we will be going to the BCC for additional funding.
- The 2008 Recycling Regatta will be held on April 5th at Northshore Park in St. Petersburg.

Bob Brumback introduced Mr. Tom Crandall, Interim Utilities Director, to succeed Pick Talley. Bob noted that the TMC welcomes Tom anytime he is available to attend a meeting.

Recycling/Waste Reduction – Andy Fairbanks

- Andy introduced the Recycling Chair, Sherri Kennedy.
- Andy noted that the TMC Minutes should read as follows (second bullet): FY 2007-08 Distribution of Municipal Annual Recycling (Reports) s/h/b “Grants” and Gulfport should be added to that list. In addition, the City of Gulfport report has been received.
- Sherri reported that the 2007 Waste Composition Study has been completed and is available on the TMC website under a new section – Recycling Subcommittee, which will also include the minutes of those meetings.
- The second quarter reimbursement reports are due April 14th.
- Bob Brumback requested an update on Dual-Stream Recycling Program. Joe Fernandez, SW Program Manager, provided the following information; The program began in November of 2007 and we are presently generating profits of approximately \$1,000.00. Bob requested an update at each TMC meeting.

Budget Report – Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures through February. Lisa reported that \$18 million dollars was expended through that date, as of yesterday, that total is \$23 million. Several of the large projects that have been on hold will be starting shortly.
- Lisa noted that the second quarter for recycling ends on Monday, March 31, 2008 and a reimbursement request needs to be received by April 14, 2008. Lisa stated that the cities should receive their checks by the end of April.
- Lisa stated that at the last meeting she said the Annual Financial Statement was ready and would be distributed, but we don’t have the final bound copies for 2006/2007. Lisa reported that she will provide copies for everyone at the April TMC meeting.
- The TMC Rate Review Subcommittee needs to be appointed to review the tipping fees for next fiscal year.

Bob Brumback requested volunteers to serve on the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee. The following members volunteered: James Walker, Don Ross, Ben Shirley, Mike Sweet, and Bob Brumback. The meeting will be held May 28th at 1:00 pm prior to the regular TMC meeting.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Bob Hauser reported that the SW budget is complete and has been submitted to Utilities for approval. Our budget for this year is very close to what it was last year; we do have inflationary adjustment increases in our contracts, which is two-thirds of the budget. We also are continuing implementation of several new programs which include the following; the Beach Recycling Program, Litter Program, Curbside Recycling Program, Reef Program, and the SQG (Small Quantity Generator) Program.
- Bob Hauser reported that the Curbside Recycling Study final report will be ready in June. The TMC will be reviewing that study, and then it will go the BCC for their consideration. Implementation is planned for October, 2009.
- Ben Shirley asked Bob Hauser if Solid Waste had received Mike Connor's comments regarding St. Pete's input to the Curbside Recycling Program. Bob Hauser responded that Mike Connor's email had been received along with the St. Pete report, which was then emailed to all the TMC members & alternates. Bob Brumback noted that he felt that the report was written by someone who did not support recycling. Bob stated that recycling takes on the personality of the individual city; tailored to fit each city and that it will be interesting to see how the program will fit the many different neighborhoods.
- Bob Brumback stated that for many years the TMC Committee met monthly, and then when staff was negotiating the new WTE contract, we changed the meetings to bi-monthly because of the workload. In the last few months many activities have been going on and he felt that the TMC needs to operate on a more timely basis and go back to monthly meetings. Bob opened the floor for discussion. Bennie Boyd asked if the SWO staff now has more time on their hands. Bob Brumback recommended having monthly meetings and feels that with the bi-monthly meetings he feels left out of the loop. Ben Shirley asked if there were situations where we have to hold a decision until we met for the meetings. Bob responded that Mike Connors brought up a couple of them; specifications for contracts for various consultants. We didn't get consulted on any of that. Mike Sweet noted that if we meet monthly, that will reduce the meeting time to forty minutes – does it warrant meeting every month to review the agenda?

Bob Hauser stated that because staff was involved in the negotiations as part of the reprocurement, we went from monthly to bi-monthly TMC meetings and he personally thought that the bi-monthly schedule is working out very well. It's not just the time we spend in the meetings, it's the time that it takes to put the TMC Minutes together – the Operations Reports together - to get all that information ready and make sure we are all prepared when we come into the meetings. Even though we don't have the reprocurement going on, he said we can assure you that we are very busy here now. He has not seen anything where things have been held up waiting for a TMC response. Bob stated that he felt that we have been very frank and open on all our operations. If there is an issue on any subject, we can call a special meeting to cover that issue. If any TMC member has a question, Bob is always available. Meeting monthly is a substantial amount of work for the Solid Waste staff.

Bob Brumback stated that we have \$60 million dollars in reserve, we can ask for additional personnel to support this operation, if necessary. Bob Brumback asked each TMC Member for their opinion.

After a lengthy discussion Mike Sweet made a motion that the TMC meet monthly. Bennie Boyd seconded the motion. The vote was seven for monthly meeting and four voted for bi-monthly meetings. Two members were absent.

- Ben Shirley asked if anyone had heard about ACC Recycling finding a body in a dumpster. Who would be responsible for looking in the dumpsters? Bob Brumback stated that the City of Clearwater had found two bodies in the dumpsters during his 25-year tenure. Ben asked if the cities are responsible for looking into the dumpsters before they are emptied. The consensus was no.
- Jimmy Walker asked to discuss the Debris Management Agreement. He stated that his city was concerned that if they don't sign the Interlocal Agreement that they would not be able to bring their debris to the County's TDSR (Temporary Debris, Storage & Reduction Site) site. Bob Brumback and Bob Hauser confirmed that was correct. Bob Hauser stated that SW would not take any debris; the key reason is the reimbursement process. If the city signs the Interlocal Agreement and has the same contractor as the County, once the materials are delivered, it is easier to bill the different cities. If you have a different contractor, the County pays the contractor and then turns around and bills the city. Our County Attorney has informed us that we are fronting the money for cities and we are not allowed to do that.

Ben Shirley asked if a certified monitor could work providing the required information to the County's contractor. Bob Hauser responded that the County's contractor will be the only firm operating that debris site. Sam Parker noted that the primary contractor is AshBritt, Inc. and the two secondary contractors' are Omni Pinnacle and DRC Emergency Services. Bob Brumback stated that given the way the County has structured this, the County is setting the priorities within the cities because the County controls the contractors. That has never been a satisfactory situation. Sam Parker reported that an Interlocal Committee has been created; if the cities sign the Interlocal Agreement, then you will have a representative on the Committee so then you will have input regarding priorities.

Bob Hauser noted, for example, that if we have a storm that hits North County, then we will direct the resources to North County. We will focus the resources, according to priorities, where they need to be and that's something the committee will be responsible for.

Jimmy Walker asked isn't it redundant if my contractor is AshBritt and I still have to sign the Interlocal Agreement with AshBritt? Bob Hauser stated that if you have an agreement with AshBritt, then that would work. Sam Parker noted that the County's agreement with AshBritt includes paying them to pick up the debris and process it. If you pick it up and bring it here – what's he going to charge you? The same per dollar figure that he's going to charge us per cubic yard? FEMA will not buy into that and then your city won't be reimbursed.

Adjournment - Chair Bob Brumback The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary