

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - September 24, 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, September 24, 2008. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Michael Gordon, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Ed Pickhardt, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Mike Connors was 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: Chairman Jimmy Walker called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Jimmy welcomed everyone to the TMC and thanked them for their participation. He also introduced Ray Boler, the Public Works Director for the City of Safety Harbor, who will be serving as the Alternate for the Group "A" cities.

Opening Remarks: The Chairman also welcomed Mrs. Jeannie Boyd. Jimmy stated that on behalf of the TMC, we are all very sorry for your loss. We all enjoyed working with Bennie and he will be sadly missed. Jimmy then presented Mrs. Boyd with a TMC plaque of appreciation for her husband, Bennie Boyd, for his many years of service.

Minutes: Jimmy asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. There were none.

A motion was made by Bob Cyr and seconded by Shari Rheuble to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Joe Going

- Joe Going presented the Operations Report.
- In July the plant received 63,950 tons; the landfill received 26,639 tons. In August the plant received 42,756 tons; the landfill received 42,166 tons.
- The Landfill Services Contract between the County and Veolia, Inc. was finalized and approved by the BCC and the Landfill Engineering Services contract was awarded to CDM and approved by the BCC on July 22nd.
- Florida Gateway Development LLC, under the license agreement with the County, will conduct a study in late September, 2008 to determine the thickness of soil covering the waste at the Toytown landfill. This is the first step in the process of due diligence.
- We have initiated work on the 5-year renewal of our BWA Landfill Permit. This is a major undertaking.

- The County plans to move the landfill operations to a new Class I landfill north of the existing area.
- In July we had 1,920 HEC₃ participants; in August we had 1,895.
- The mobile collection held on September 6th at the City of Largo Solid Waste had a record 811 participants. Largo's employees did an excellent job handling the record number of participants.
- On September 9, 2008, the BCC directed SWO to proceed with implementation of the Curbside Recycling Program.
- The Tortuga has been put up for sale. We are moving forward with plans to continue the Reef Program on a contractual basis.
- We have received our final permit from FDEP for the relocation of the slurry wall along 118th Avenue.
- The new HEC₃ facility is out to bid with bids due on September 23, 2008.
- The new Hand Unload Facility is going out to bid next week.
- The design of improvements to the gradient system around BWA has been reviewed. A Scope of Work is being prepared to start the work.
- We are also initiating a project for final closure of some of the landfill slopes around the active Class I landfill area.
- On Saturday, May 17th the WTE facility experienced a major failure of Turbine/Generator #1. We have a replacement generator which will require modifications before being put into service.
- Due to the failure of TG-1, we are only able to operate two of the three boilers. During August the plant had one scheduled cold iron week.
- The new ash processing building is complete and in service.
- As of August 31, Veolia has completed 172 out of 275 items (25 items completed in June, 23 completed in July, 32 completed in August).
- "The Ugly Duck's Journey to Away" performance has been scheduled for 12 elementary schools from September 3rd – 19th (26 total). Initial reviews from teachers have been excellent.
- SWANA's WASTECON 2008 is scheduled for October 19th – 23rd.

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa distributed the Financial Status Summary through June 30, 2008 and noted that electric revenues are down due to CIP work done on Boiler #3 and that the plant was off-line for twelve days. On May 17th Generator #1 went down which affects electrical revenues. Lisa noted that under "Other" at the time that this budget was prepared we did not know about the S&P Recycling revenue that we would be receiving, which is a little over \$100,000. That will be budgeted in the future.
- Lisa Ledoux reviewed the CIP budget and expenditures through June 30, 2008 and responded to questions. Bob Hauser reported that the operating expenses are down because some landfill activities have been deferred.
- Lisa reported that the fund balance for Solid Waste, as of yesterday, is a little over 110 million dollars. For the next two years we will be working on capital projects which will bring the fund balance down to approximately 70 million.

Charity Disposal Allowance Recommendations - Andy Fairbanks

- Andy noted that the TMC approved the new method of documentation for the charities to achieve a recycling rate of 50%. The Recycling Subcommittee voted in early September to endorse this recommendation.

- Andy responded to questions and then the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the recommendation.

A motion was made by Diana Hugg and seconded by Calvin Warren to accept the Charity Disposal Allowance Recommendations for FY 08 - 09 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Deb Bush reported that the new scale software that we are procuring will be more convenient for our customers, as well as for SWO. She stated that they are presently looking at software that will allow customers to pay their invoices online, accept credit cards, and that they are also looking at two automated unattended scales. In preparation for this software, SWO needs to update their records and would like to request assistance with resubmitting updated information. Deb distributed the request for information to the TMC then will mail another reminder; so please see that it gets to the right person. Deb stated that they would like to complete this project by October 31, 2008.
- Deb distributed WASTECON 2008 free show passes and brochures for the trade show that is being held at the Tampa Convention Center on October 21 – 23, 2008.
- Deb Bush reported that SWO has won two SWANA Bronze Excellence Awards this year; one for the Education Program – *No Such Place As Away*, and in the Communications category for the Recycling Directory and the A – Z Guide.
- Bob Hauser reported that last week they raised the stator (weighs 75 tons) up onto the pedestal. The generator rotor is still in Miami, the turbine rotor was sent to Houston, TX on Saturday before the hurricane arrived. Everything is on schedule and we expect the generator to be operational in November.
- Bob stated that the BCC did approve the Curbside Recycling Program on September 9th and directed SWO to begin to implement the program. We are looking at one year and we will be contacting all the cities. If you are interested in participating, please let us know.
- Judy Lund reported that the new Christmas recycled wrapping paper is now available.

Adjournment – Chair Jimmy Walker

A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by Earl Gloster to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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