



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - October 29, 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, October 29, 2008. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Michael Gordon, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Jeremy Hockenbury, Ray Boler, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Shari Rheuble was absent. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director 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. The Chairman reported that he had received notification from the City of St. Pete Beach that Ed Pickhardt had been appointed as the TMC representative and Jeremy Hockenbury would serve as the Alternate. In addition, he also received notification that Michael Gordon will serve as the TMC member and Charles Jordan would serve as the Alternate for the City of Largo. 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.

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 Diana Hugg and seconded by Mike Connors to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Joe Going

- Joe Going presented the Operations Report.
- During the month of September the plant received 57,039 tons and we landfilled 26,254 tons for a total of 83,293 tons for the month of September. The boiler availability was 63.3% and a total of 9,829 megawatts were sold.
- The rebuild work on the replacement generator is nearing completion, and the turbine generator is anticipated to return to service in mid-to-late November, allowing us to return to a three-boiler operation.
- On September 19, 2008, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) conducted a surprise inspection of the BWA Landfill. Overall, it was a very good inspection. No major discrepancies were noted by FDEP and they were pleased with the overall appearance and operation of the site.

- The landfill continues to receive roughly 1,000 tons per day as the WTE continues its diligent work on the generator replacement. County staff has been aggressively monitoring compliance of the landfill during this time.
- In September we had 1,544 HEC₃ participants. There were two mobile collections this month; the City of Largo Solid Waste had a record 815 participants on September 6th. The mobile collection held on September 20th at Gulfport Recreation Center served 384 participants.
- Bids were received on our new HEC₃ facility and were below estimates. Award of the contract is anticipated in early November.
- The new Hand Unload Facility was delayed a little to allow better coordination with our new roadway layout design. It is expected to be bid in November.
- The WTE - Exhibit 1 - New ash processing building is complete and in service. As of September 30th, Veolia has completed 202 out of 275 items (30 items completed in September). - As of September 30th, Veolia has completed 73 out of 261 items (3 items completed in September).
- In September 186 citizens attended tours and presentations, including 46 adults and 140 students.
- The Great American Teach-In is November 19th. We encourage our colleagues to participate in this great opportunity to promote recycling and integrated solid waste management. SWO will provide all necessary materials and training on November 18th. Contact Rick Clarke for more information.
- The next Recycling Subcommittee meeting is November 13th @ 9:30 am.
- Bob Hauser noted that the Slurry Wall Project on 118th is going out to bid and supposed to start in June, 2009.

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa stated that the Financial Status Summary was not available at this time because the FY '07-'08 has not officially closed yet; Finance is still processing invoices. Lisa stated that she would have the report next month.
- Lisa reported that she included a report on the Municipal Recycling Grants and proceeded to review that report with the TMC and responded to questions. Those cities that used all of their allocations are not included in the report. She noted the possibilities of reimbursement costs that may be considered under this grant. The letters for the next year's allocations will be going out in the next few weeks.
- Lisa reported that the fund balance for Solid Waste is a little under 100 million dollars.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Bob Hauser stated that the WasteCon Conference was a very successful, well attended conference.
- Bob reported that all the major components to the new generator have been completed. The stator has been refurbished and they are doing the final testing. The rotor has been to Houston, TX for a high speed spin test and is on its' way back. We expect to have all the components on site by the end of next week and will begin to assemble it the second week in November. We have formed a commissioning team and we expect the generator to be operational in mid-to-late November.
- Bob stated that the facility will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day and will open one hour earlier the following day.

- Bob reported that Mike Connors has invited him to the St. Pete City Council Workshop to discuss curbside recycling. Bob noted that he will also be making this presentation to the City of Dunedin. He reported that the County will be advertising an “Informational Meeting” and will invite all the haulers. The County Attorney’s office is working on an ordinance and the boiler plate for the Interlocal Agreement is also being worked on. We need to know which cities will be participating before all this is done, and then we will recommend to the BCC the one that is the best system.
- The Chairman noted that if there are any changes in your TMC membership, please get those changes to Judy Lund, we do need to receive official notice from your city.
- Kelsi Oswald thanked the City of Clearwater and EQ for their participation in the WasteCon tours, everyone was very pleased.
- Michael Gordon reported that the Scalehouse weigh tickets used to have a bright stamp for reweigh and now it just has it listed as “Tare” down in the corner of the ticket. If they don’t re-weigh, they will get fined and the employees are disciplined; it was brought to my attention that the red stamp really gets their attention. Bob Hauser reported that he would check into that.
- Bob Hauser reported that we will be advertising for our new Scalehouse software in the next few weeks. There will be a few changes including new tickets, on-line tracking, and credit card capabilities.

Adjournment - Chair Jimmy Walker

A motion was made by Michael Gordon and seconded by Ray Boler to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th, 2008 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary