



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - November 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, November 26, 2008. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Michael Gordon, Bill Pickrum, Al Strand, Ed Pickhardt, Bob Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. The City of Tarpon Springs was absent and Ben Shirley arrived late. 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: The Vice Chairman, Mike Connors, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Mike requested a role call. Mike noted that Al Strand was filling in for Jimmy Walker, City of Pinellas Park.

Minutes: Mike 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 Mike Sweet to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Kelsi Oswald

- Kelsi Oswald presented the Operations Report.
- During the month of October the plant received 38,202 tons and 43,710 tons were landfilled for a total of 81,912 tons. The boiler availability was 40.7% and a total of 6,037 megawatts were sold.
- Turbine Generator #1 will be back on line today.
- On December 1, 2008, we will be re-opening the Class III area.
- We are working on our permit renewal for the landfill. We have a pre-application meeting with DEP on December 10, 2008.
- The pond area (Area T) as you enter Class I is being prepared as the new landfill operational area. This will be a change for the drivers.
- In October we had 1,684 HEC₃ participants. There were three mobile collections this month with a total of 2,216 participants.

- The Curbside Recycling non-binding intent letters have been mailed to all the cities. We have received responses from eight cities. Please respond to Bob Hauser with your intent. We are also conducting a survey with the haulers and processors which will help us develop our bid document.
- The RFP for the new Scalehouse software is in contract review and should go out soon.
- Our CIP Slurry Wall project along 118th Avenue bid opening date has been moved to December 9th. We will keep you informed once that has been awarded.
- We are having the Kick-off meeting for the new HEC₃ building December 9th.
- The generator was scheduled to return to service on November 24th and we actually have steam today.
- In October we had 838 citizens who attended tours and presentations.

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa reported that the Municipal Recycling Reimbursement packet was sent about three weeks ago and she reported that about three quarters of the Intent to Participate forms have been returned. Those cities who have not responded are Belleair, Belleair Shore, Indian Shores, Largo, Madeira Beach, Redington Beach, and St. Pete Beach. She reported that if she does not receive the form by December 31st, their portion of the reimbursement will be reallocated to those that are participating in the program, based on population.
- Lisa stated that she distributed the Solid Waste FY 08/09 Budget to all the members and would be glad to review it.
- Bob Hauser stated that after the TMC members have a chance to review the budget, we can discuss it at the next TMC meeting. Lisa noted that when you review the budget, you'll see that only a portion of expenses allocated to Utilities goes to Solid Waste, other Utilities departments also receive allocations.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Bob Hauser stated that questions were raised regarding the Scalehouse tickets that we give out to the drivers, so he asked Janice Burns, the Scalehouse Supervisor, to review the tickets with the TMC.
- Janice Burns distributed to the TMC members copies of the tickets that the Scalehouse gives to the drivers including the pink ticket along with the "Reweigh Required" orange stamp that is being used to remind the drivers to reweigh. Janice noted that if you receive the white ticket with the "Reweigh Required" stamp - then your driver did not reweigh.
- Bob Hauser asked the Vice Chairman to bring to the floor the subject of the TMC meeting schedule for 2009. Bob stated that we have a meeting scheduled for December 17, 2008 and I asked the TMC to consider cancelling that meeting and continue forward meeting every other month.
- Mike Connors asked for comments on cancelling the December 17th meeting.

A motion was made by Mike Sweet to cancel the December 17th TMC meeting and the motion was seconded by Don Sopak. The vote was unanimous.

- Bob stated that the TMC had previously been meeting on an every other month basis due to the contract negotiations with the new landfill operator. Recently, this past spring the TMC voted to meet every month and he requested that the TMC revert back to every other month. If we went to the new schedule the meeting dates would be as follows: January 28th, March 25th, May 27th, June 24th, Summer Break, September 23rd, and November 18th, 2009.

After discussion Robert Cyr made the motion that the TMC revert to the every other month schedule on the above noted dates with the option to call an emergency meeting, if necessary. Earl Gloster seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- Mike Connors thanked Bob Hauser for the Curbside Recycling presentation that he made to the St. Petersburg City Council and responding to numerous questions. He reported that the City of St. Petersburg would be participating in the program.
- The question was asked - Is there a contract period if you do sign up for the Curbside Recycling program; can you make changes after a year? Don Crowell responded that the contracts have not been written as yet, but they will be similar to the present interlocal agreements. At this conceptual stage, Don stated that he plans on writing the contracts so that they can be utilized either way.

Michael Gordon asked if the City of Largo continues to provide their own curbside recycling, will the reimbursement be a full cost or will it be a set rate? Don Crowell responded that it would be up to the amount of whatever our bid comes in at. Bob Hauser stated that we will be going back to the BCC to revisit the policy direction on that issue. Under the County's contract, it would be a pro-rata share of whatever revenues are received. Unfortunately, recently the materials markets are not doing well.

Ben Shirley asked if there were going to be inspectors, field supervisors, and follow up crews? Bob Hauser responded that they will be looking at those items. He stated that we will have "Standards of Service" that they will have to meet, tied to LD's (liquated damages).

Adjournment - Vice Chair Mike Connors

A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by Michael Gordon to adjourn the meeting. The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.

[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th, 2009 @ 2:00 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary