



# **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - January 28, 2009**

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, January 28, 2009. 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. The City of St. Petersburg member, Mike Connors, was absent. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director, and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** The Chairman, James Walker, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**Minutes:** The Chairman 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 Michael Gordon to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.***

### **Operations Report - Deb Bush**

- Deb Bush presented the Operations Report.
- During the month of November the plant received 39,029 tons; 30,984 tons were landfilled for a total of 70,013 tons. In December our numbers picked up and the plant received 70,953 tons; 13,859 tons were landfilled for a total of 84,812 tons. In November we generated a total of 8,811 megawatts and in December 32,265 megawatts were sold.
- Work on the 5-year permit renewal has been completed and it was submitted to FDEP on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Geotechnical work was performed to determine the compaction density of the underlying clay beneath the landfill.
- Class III area was re-opened on December 1, 2008.
- We restored landfill operations to normal. Activity was 300 - 500 tons with WTE operating at capacity.
- We plan to move our landfill operations to a new Class I landfill area north of the existing area as soon as we receive approval from FDEP.
- We have not had any new information from the Florida Gateway Development (Toytown) group.
- In November we had 1,722 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants; in December we had 2,114. Last Saturday, we held a mobile collection at East Lake High School and had 1,275 participants. We had 44 businesses in November and 33 in December as part of our CESQG program.

- We are moving forward with the Curbside Recycling Program. The next steps include finalization of the bid documents and preparation of an ordinance including the interlocal agreements with the cities.
- Work also continues on the Beach Recycling Program and Litter Program. In early January, SWO met with the northern beach communities to discuss the program. A meeting is scheduled with the southern beach communities.
- The Tortuga has been placed up for sale. We continue to move forward with the development of contracts for future reef development.
- The RFP for the new Scalehouse software has been issued and proposals are due in March.
- We are in the process of preparing our budget for FY' 09/10.
- The slurry wall project along 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue was sent back out for bid with an adjustment to the qualifications regarding installation of vinyl sheet-piling. The new bid opening date is January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- The contract for the new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility has been awarded to Diaz, Fritz and Isabel, Inc., who was the lowest bidder. Pre-construction work has begun.
- Two projects that are going out to bid are the Hand Unload Facility and the Pond "A" embankment stabilization. The Pond "A" dredging will be delayed until after we complete the embankment stabilization project.
- We are in the process of completing the design of the new water treatment system for Pond "A".
- The final design of improvements to our gradient system around BWA has been authorized and the design is underway.
- An investigation as to the feasibility of constructing a new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility in the north county area has been initiated.
- The design package for improvements to the Scalehouse facilities is being prepared for bid.
- The WTE boiler availability was 46% in November. TG-1 was down and returned to full service in late November. Boiler availability was 78.4% in December.
- The spring boiler outage is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Please inform your staff.
- All but two construction exhibits have been completed and there will not be any additional work on Exhibit 2 until autumn of 2009.
- The initial punchlist as of December 31<sup>st</sup> has been completed.
- As of December 31<sup>st</sup> Veolia has completed 113 out of 261 items on the Secondary Punch List.
- Our recycling/waste reduction section served 856 citizens in November. SWO staff and TMC members reached an additional audience of 1,280 students and 40 teachers through the Great American Teach-In on November 19<sup>th</sup>. In December we had 438 citizens attend tours and presentations.
- Waste assessments were performed at Joswig Construction in Largo.
- On Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, the 2009 "Recycle Today" directories were distributed in the St. Pete Times and Tampa Tribune. The directory is also available on line at [pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://pinellascounty.org/recycle).
- Belleair Shore, Indian Shores, and Redington Beach declined to participate in the municipal recycling reimbursement grant and \$2,602 was redistributed to the remaining participating municipalities. Please remember that the quarterly reimbursement requests are due on January 16<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and September 18<sup>th</sup> (final).

- Hospice and the Homeless Emergency Project achieved the requirements for the Charity Reuse Incentive program. Please vote on the attached recommendations, which have been pro-rated for the remainder of this fiscal year. The Recycling Subcommittee voted unanimously to support the attached charity recommendations.

### **Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux**

- Lisa reported that the Municipal Recycling Grant first quarter has been completed. Five cities filed their requests and those checks will be going out in the next few weeks.
- Lisa stated that she distributed the Solid Waste FY' 08/09 Budget to all the members at the last TMC meeting and noted that she would be glad to review it. There were no questions.
- Lisa reviewed the Financial Status Summary report for the fourth quarter 07/08.

### **Charity Disposal Allowance Recommendations - Andy Fairbanks**

- Andy reported that the request for Hospice and the Homeless Emergency Project were not included in the recommendations approved by the TMC in September, 2008, which requires a vote by the TMC.

*A motion was made by Diana Hugg to approve an allowance for charity disposal to Hospice and the Homeless Emergency Project. The motion was seconded by Don Sopak to accept the charity provision as recommended. The vote was unanimous.*

### **Additional Items for Discussion:**

- Bob Hauser introduced Joe Morrissey, County Attorney, who will be filling in for Don Crowell, who has been temporarily reassigned.
- Bob reported that the plant is down approximately 15% in tonnage and that surrounding counties are down even lower. This is typical in poor economic times and it has had an impact on our recycling rates.
- Bob Hauser reported that the Curbside Recycling Program is moving along and will be going back to the BCC for approval. We are still planning on the January 2, 2010 implementation date.
- Bob noted that a FAX was distributed today regarding a reoccurring problem regarding truck occupants getting out of their trucks on the ramp. This is a serious safety issue; they are not to be out of their trucks while waiting in line. We will be giving out Administrative Warnings effective February 1, 2009 to the drivers; please remind your truck drivers. In addition, cell phone usage is also prohibited on the ramp.
- Bob reported that after the new scale software is installed, each city will be able to go on line and have immediate access to their accounts.

- Michael Gordon, City of Largo, announced that he was promoted to Solid Waste Manager. Mike asked about the reimbursement of the curbside recycling program. Bob Hauser responded that we will have to wait on BCC direction. Don Crowell noted that many of the details have yet to be determined and approved by the Board.
- Don Sopak, Group “B” Cities representative, reported that Allen Godfrey, his Alternate, is no longer working for the City of Seminole. Judy Lund stated that a letter from any city manager indicating a re-appointment would be sufficient. Don indicated that he would contact that city in that regard.
- Earl Gloster, City of Clearwater, thanked everyone for supporting recycling since prices are in the tank.
- The Chairman thanked Don Crowell for his service and welcomed Joe Morrissey to the TMC.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Mike Gordon and seconded by Earl Gloster to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.*

*The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 @ 2:00 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

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