



# **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - March 25, 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, March 25, 2009. Members and Alternates present were; John Pittman, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Michael Gordon, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Ray Boler, Jeremy Hockenbury, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. The City of St. Pete Beach member, Ed Pickhardt, 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. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. He noted that Jeremy Hockenbury, Director of Public Works for the City of Seminole, will be replacing Allen Godfrey. With regard to the TMC membership, if any member is not available to attend the scheduled meeting, contact your Alternate to attend in your place; otherwise, please notify Judy Lund if no one is able to attend. The Chairman reported that the City of Largo did not have an Alternate member. Michael Gordon responded that they had notified the TMC in the same letter. The Chairman asked the TMC secretary to address that issue. In addition, St. Pete Beach has not filled their Alternate member position and the Chairman asked the secretary to contact them regarding their membership.

**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 Mike Sweet and seconded by Ray Boler to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.***

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

- Lisa distributed the CIP FY' 08/09 Budget & Expenditures along with a revision to the FY' 07/08 summary. Lisa reported that the auditors placed the two noted items in last year's budget because that is when they occurred.
- Lisa noted that the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee needs to be appointed at this meeting. The Chairman commented that will be discussed during "Other Business".

## Operations Report – Bob Hauser

- Bob Hauser reported that during the month of January, we received 78,349 system tons of which 68,892 went to the WTE facility. In February the tons to the plant went down due to outages that occurred; the facility received 75,360 tons of which 59,303 went to the plant
- We are currently working on responses to the RAI on the permit application to FDEP, which are due June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Plans to move the landfill operations to a new Class I landfill north of the existing area have been finalized and will be submitted to FDEP for review in early March.
- No new information with Florida Gateway Development LLC, under the license agreement with the County to develop Toytown.
- In January we had 2,425 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants; February had 1,921 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants.
- There are three scheduled mobile collections for March. St Pete Home Depot had 956 participants and the other two are scheduled later this month.
- Scalehouse operations have seen a reduction in incoming material by about 10% and about 16% over the last two years. Our neighboring solid waste facilities have seen as much as 25% reduction of incoming material.
- The Scalehouse Software RFQ's have been received. Four companies have responded with their qualifications. The second step of the process will be viewing the demonstrations by the short listed vendors during the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> with an evaluation meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The short listed vendors will be asked to submit a price after this process. The project is moving forward on schedule.
- SWO is moving forward with implementation of the Curbside Recycling Program. At the BCC work session two key issues were: the reimbursements to the municipalities for which Bob received clear direction that the program will be "net cost reimbursements." The second key issue was the service areas. We are looking at three districts; a northern service area, a central service area, and the City of St. Petersburg will be the third service area. The next steps include finalization of the bid documents and preparation of an ordinance including interlocal agreements with the cities. Startup is still planned for January 2, 2010. Bob Hauser indicated that the "draft" agreement would be electronically circulated to all the TMC members.
- Work also continues on the Beach Recycling Program and Litter Program.
- The Tortuga is still up for sale. We continue to move forward with the development of contracts for future reef development and have been staging concrete at Sand Key in anticipation of getting a barge company to come in and place the materials for us.
- All American Concrete Inc., who was the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract to construct the new slurry wall along 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. A Notice to Proceed meeting was held on March 17, 2009. Construction is anticipated to begin next week.
- The contract for the new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility has been awarded to Diaz, Fritz and Isabel, Inc., who was the lowest bidder. Construction began in February 2009. The old Administration/Maintenance building has been demolished and the roadway work for the deceleration lane and new entrance on 109<sup>th</sup> has begun.
- The new Hand Unload Facility contract is being finalized for bid.
- The Pond "A" embankment stabilization project is also going out to bid. The dredging of Pond "A" will be delayed until after the embankment stabilization project is completed.
- Design of our new water treatment system for Pond "A" is under design.

- The final design of improvements to our gradient system around BWA is continuing.
- We are looking at a study to construct a new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility in the north part of the County.
- Boiler availability was 75.5% in January and 67.3% in February. The plant experienced several unscheduled outages due to boiler tube failures and problems with the ash conveyance systems during this period. These items will be addressed during the spring outage.
- The spring cold iron boiler outage is tentatively scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. The cold iron outage was extended from four days to eight days to coincide with a shut down required by Progress Energy so they can replace relays and perform maintenance at their substation. Boiler 2 will be down from March 23<sup>rd</sup> through early May for replacement of all furnace boiler tubes (part of the Construction Agreement - Exhibit 2 work).
- In January, 875 citizens attended tours and presentations, including 706 students and 169 adults.
- In February, 1,680 citizens attended tours and presentations, including 1,469 students and 211 adults.
- Waste assessments were performed at Pinellas County Public Works/Highway Division in Clearwater and Kelby Media Group in Oldsmar.
- Recommendations for two additional charities that have completed applications for the Charity Reuse Incentive program include the Friends of Strays and St. Vincent DePaul, St. Petersburg.

### **Charity Disposal Allowance Recommendations - Rick Clarke**

- Rick reported two requests; one for Friends of Strays and St. Vincent DePaul waivers. The recommendations are included in your packets. Projects 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 Mike Connors to approve an allowance for charity disposal to Friends of Strays and St. Vincent DePaul. The motion was seconded by Diana Hugg to accept the charity provision as recommended. The vote was unanimous.*

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

- A recommendation for the charities to submit their request annually or semi-annually was discussed. The TMC agreed that the process should continue in its present form; charities may request disposal allowance at any time during the year.
- The Chairman asked for volunteers to serve on the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee. The Chairman volunteered along with Mike Sweet, Ben Shirley, and Bill Pickrum. Bob Cyr was selected to Chair the subcommittee. The meeting will begin on May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm - one hour prior to the regularly scheduled TMC meeting.
- Bob Hauser reported that a bill has been filed in the State legislature to put a solid waste fee on every disposal area, waste energy plant, and transfer station in the state of \$1.25/ton; 50% to go to the State's General Fund and 50% to support recycling programs. After discussion, the Chairman requested Bob to notify the TMC members of the details of the House Bill.

**Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Mike Connors and seconded by Ray Boler to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.*

*The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th, 2009 @ 2:00 pm.*

*The TMC Rate Reserve Meeting begins at 1:00 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

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