



# **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Solid Waste Operations Conference Room**

**Minutes of the Meeting - May 27, 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, May 27, 2009. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Nick DiCeglie, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Charles Jordan, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Ed Pickhardt, Robert Cyr, Jeremy Hockenbury, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Bob Hauser, SWO Director, Joe Morrissey, County Attorney and Judy Lund, Administrative Coordinator and Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** The Chairman, James Walker, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. He noted that Bill Christman will be replacing Jeremy Hockenbury, City of St. Pete Beach, and Jeremy is now the Alternate member for Group "B" cities. He welcomed Nick DiCeglie, Alternate for the Private Sector, and Charles Jordan, with the City of Largo. The Chairman requested that in regard to the TMC membership listing, please check your information for accuracy and notify Judy Lund if there are any changes.

**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 Nick DiCeglie to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.***

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

- Deb Bush reported that during the month of March, we received 90,651 tons; April was 88,629. In March we sold 24,049 megawatts; in April we sold 21,277 megawatts. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, FDEP conducted a landfill inspection of Bridgeway Acres; overall, it was a very good inspection with no major discrepancies.
- The plans to move the Class I landfill (Cell 5) has been approved by FDEP and the contractor is currently flooring the cell with ash and intends to begin placing waste in late June, depending on the rain.
- We received the first Request for Additional Information (RAI) on our FDEP permit that was submitted on January 5<sup>th</sup>. We are currently working on responses to the RAI, which is due June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Florida Gateway Development LLC, has requested a one year extension for due diligence to develop Toytown.

- In March we had 1,931 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants; April had 1,911 HEC<sub>3</sub> participants.
- There were five scheduled mobile collections for March and April and they ranged from 661 to over 1,100. In May we are having our beach collection. The CESQG collection served 44 businesses in March and 33 businesses in April.
- Paradigm Software was ranked number one for the new Scalehouse software system. The BCC has authorized negotiations and we expect the final approval process to take 2-3 months.
- SWO is moving forward with implementation of the Curbside Recycling Program. It is expected that the bid documents will be completed and advertised in early summer. Because of several modifications to our approach, implementation is expected to be delayed several months.
- Work also continues on the Beach Recycling Program and Litter Program.
- The Tortuga has been sold.
- The BCC requested preparation of a resolution stating the Board's intent to franchise solid waste collection in the unincorporated County. The three year waiting period will begin upon approval of the resolution.
- Construction of the new slurry wall along 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue began March 25<sup>th</sup> and is moving along.
- The new Hand Unload Facility is going to bid in June.
- Pond "A" embankment stabilization project is also going out to bid in June.
- The 90% drawings for the redesign of the roadway system are under review.
- Design of our new water treatment system for Pond "A" is underway.
- The final design of improvements to our gradient system around BWA is continuing.
- A new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility siting project in the north part of the County has been initiated.
- Refurbishment of the Scalehouse is underway. They began work last month and we are going to be shifting lanes as they work on the scales. Please ask your drivers to be attentive to these changes.
- Construction of the new HEC<sub>3</sub> facility is nearing completion. It is expected to be complete in late June or early July. Final design of the WTE Administration Building is also underway.
- Boiler availability was 56.18% in March and 55.3% in April.
- The spring cold iron boiler outage is tentatively scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 4<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. There are no additional outages scheduled until late August or early September.
- We replaced all the boiler tubes in Unit 2 and boiler tubes and the grates for Unit 1 will be replaced during the next outage. Replacement of the grates in Unit 2 is scheduled for the spring of 2010.
- Veolia has completed 183 out of 261 items on the secondary punch list.
- In March, 683 citizens attended tours and presentations, including 556 students and 127 adults.
- In April, 1,320 citizens attended tours and presentations, including 1,333 students and 287 adults.
- Utilities staff promoted the Integrated Solid Waste Management programs at numerous earth day events throughout the County in April.
- We had our last Recycle Regatta on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with a total attendance of 250 people, 40 boats and 107 participants.
- The Recycling Subcommittee cancelled their May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next scheduled meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux**

- Lisa reported that our external auditors Ernst & Young completed the financial statements for last fiscal year which Judy emailed to all the TMC members. Lisa entertained questions; there were none.
- The Municipal Recycling Reimbursement requests for the second quarter have been processed. We had a total of \$257,491.00 in requests; the checks were mailed out on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Lisa reported that prior to this meeting we held the TMC Rate Review Subcommittee meeting to review the tipping fee calculations. Lisa and Bob Hauser responded to questions.

## **TMC Rate Review Subcommittee - Bob Cyr**

- Bob Cyr reported that the subcommittee voted 4-1 to retain the current tipping fee of \$37.50/ton. The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Questions regarding the reserves were directed to Lisa regarding any changes of the tipping fee. Lisa responded that is always a possibility, but we have to look at the fee year to year and it will depend on what the projections show in the future. Mike Connors asked if there were any possibilities for a rate reduction. Lisa responded that at the time the financial statements were completed, the end of FY '07 - '08, we did have a reserve fund balance of 125.2M. The projected fund balance for this year is 113.4M. Next year's budget we project, based on expenditures and revenues, that we will end the year at 48M. Lisa noted that several years ago, the TMC agreed with the County on the basis of the reserves. The minimum reserves at that time were 51.5M. Next year, we will not meet the required reserves.

The Chairman asked for a motion for FY 09 - 10 a tip fee of \$37.50/ton.

*A motion was made by Bob Cyr to maintain a tip fee of \$37.50/ton for FY '09 - '10. The motion was seconded by William Pickrum. The motion was approved by an 11 - 2 vote.*

## **Additional Items for Discussion:**

- The Chairman directed the TMC secretary to prepare the tipping fee recommendation letter to be forwarded to the County Administrator and copies to the TMC members.

## **Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Mike Sweet and seconded by Diana Hugg to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm.*

*[The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 @ 2:00 pm.](#)*

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*