



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - December 2, 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, December 2, 2009. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Shari Rheuble, Tom Lehmann, Mike Connors, Michael Jordan, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Ed Pickhardt, Robert Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Mike Sweet. Assisting with conduct of the meeting was Deb Bush, SWO Operations Manager, 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 2:00 pm. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

Recognition: Jimmy Walker asked that Sherri Kennedy come forward to accept the TMC & Pinellas Partners in Recycling Appreciation Award in grateful appreciation for her leadership as Chair of the Pinellas Partners in Recycling Group.

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 reported that during the months of September and October, total system tons were 74,896 and 75,467 respectively. We sold 17,594 megawatts; boiler availability was 54% and the turbine availability was 71%. In the middle of September we started some of our CIP work; in October we began the fall outage. Since the completion of Units 2 & 3 those units have demonstrated 81.6% and 99.6% availability, respectively.
- Exhibit 2, which was the replacement of boiler tubes and grates for Unit 1, will be completed November 18th and replacement of the grates for Unit 2 is scheduled for February through April, 2010.
- As of October 31st Veolia has completed 259 out of 261 secondary punchlist items. The remaining items are scheduled to be completed in conjunction with the Exhibit 2 boiler work next spring.

- The County has moved Class I operations into Cell 5 and that has been extremely effective. Landfilling will continue in that area for the next several years.
- For 2009 Bridgeway Landfill was recognized for the Best Safety Performance for Landfills. They did not have one single injury or accident this year. Given all the diversions this year, that is an outstanding achievement. Veolia established the Joseph Coroniti Memorial Award for Courage and Perseverance. This will be awarded annually to the person who shows dedication and inspiration to fight through difficult circumstances and never give up. Joe fought a valiant battle against cancer and at the same time remained dedicated to providing excellent leadership at Bridgeway. It was only appropriate that the initial recipient of this award was Scott Hanus who stepped in and filled the gap in leading Bridgeway to a very safe and productive year.
- Florida Gateway Development, who is developing Toytown, is working with the City of St. Petersburg with regard to the current zoning and potential changes.
- In September 1,984 citizens attended tours & presentations with 2,169 in October. There were two mobile collections in September with over 1,024 participants; in October there were three collections with a total of 2,404 participants.
- The Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator program had 52 businesses participate in October and 39 in September.
- We finished out the fiscal year 08/09 with 38,453 participants and 2,925,053 pounds of material.
- The Grand Opening for the new HEC₃ center was held on November 19th. Commission Chairman Harris spoke; we also had Commissioners Bostock and Brickfield attending, as well some of our TMC members, and local representatives from the cities.
- The Small Quantity Generator Inspection Program (SQG) was transferred to Solid Waste from Environmental Management in October. We were able to retain one of the staff members from the program and two Inspectors and an Office Specialist through the County bumping process. This program inspects businesses that fall in the SQG category that generate no more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste (1/2 drum) per month. They inspect for compliance of Federal Regulations for storage, handling, labeling, disposal and manifesting of hazardous waste materials. This team is also responsible for updating and maintaining the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection's database for businesses that fall into the SQG category.
- Negotiations with Paradigm Software for our new scalehouse software system have been completed. We hope to get it to the BCC in December for approval.
- Also on October 20, 2009, the BCC tabled the changes in the flat rate fees for single-axle trailers.
- In October we received a Warning Letter from FDEP concerning our surface water discharge from the site in late July and August under our NPDES permit. We are in discussions with them regarding our corrective action program.
- The Slurry Wall project has been completed and the County's consultant will be submitting the Construction Certification to FDEP for approval in early December 2009.
- The new Hand Unload Facility is currently out for bid; bids are due in December.
- The final design of improvements to our BWA gradient system has been completed and the Construction Permit application has been submitted to FDEP.
- The Pond "A" embankment stabilization project will be rebid due to potential County savings (alternative vinyl sheet product) identified during the initial bid process. The revisions to the specifications to include this product have been completed and construction is tentatively scheduled to start in March 2010 after the rebidding process.

- The 90% drawings for the BWA Roadway Redesign project have been received and reviewed by the County. Several other projects need to be completed before this project is initiated.
- Dredging of Pond “A” will be delayed until after the embankment stabilization project is complete.
- Design of the new water treatment system for Pond “A” is underway. A pilot study will be performed to determine the best treatment method for Pond “A” water.
- An investigation as to the feasibility of constructing a new HEC₃ facility in north Pinellas County has been initiated.
- Events supported or attended by Utilities staff include: SWANA International Road-E-O (September 19), PTA Workshop (September 12), Valpak Enviro Expo (September 15), Public Lands Day (September 26), and the Cross Bayou Cleanup (October 3)
- Municipalities have been notified of the allocation of Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grants for fiscal year 2009-10. Intent to Participate Forms must be returned by December 30th to Lisa Ledoux. After that date, unclaimed allocations will be redistributed to participating municipalities on a per capita basis.
- On November 5th, Andy Fairbanks (SWO), Marissa Segundo (Largo) and Calvin Warren (Indian Rocks Beach) attended FDEP’s final public meeting about the 75% Recycling Goal. It was discussed during the November 12th Subcommittee meeting. FDEP’s final report is due to the Legislature by January 1, 2010. Anyone wishing to comment on the 75% goal should address the Legislature rather than FDEP staff. All documents related to this proposal, including meeting proceedings, can be found on line at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/recyclinggoal75>

Budget Report - Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa reported that seven cities have not returned their Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grants for fiscal year 09/10 Intent to Participate Forms. Those cities include the City of Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Belleair Shores, Indian Shores, Kenneth City, Redington Beach and Redington Shores. If any of those representatives are in attendance, the signed forms must be submitted by the end of this month. If we don't receive those forms, unclaimed allocations will be redistributed to participating municipalities on a per capita basis.
- Lisa stated that the final Financial Report for FY 08/09 will be distributed at the next TMC meeting in January. The books are not totally closed at this time and the external auditors are still busy with their field work and have not made all adjustment entries at this time.
- Lisa distributed the current year budget for FY 09/10 noting significant change; \$15M under Operating Supplies Miscellaneous which includes the start-up costs for the Curbside Recycling Program. Lisa offered to review the budget but it was agreed that the TMC would review the budget at the January meeting.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Deb Bush introduced John Ondrovic, SWO Accounting Supervisor. If you have any problems with your invoices, accounts, etc., please feel free to give John a call.
- Deb stated that Curbside Recycling went to the BCC on the 20th and they requested additional information. The invitation to bid was pulled and now we are planning on a workshop sometime in January. In the meantime, the Interlocal Agreement is being worked on and should be distributed soon.

- The flat rate single-axle trailer proposal went before the BCC and was postponed. There are three different factions that spoke before the Board. One suggestion that seems to be the most popular was a \$10/\$20/\$30 variable fixed rate, which we are looking at and is presently in the County Attorney's office for review. Joe Morrissey, County Attorney, reported that as proposed, elimination of flat rates won't be effective until January, 2011. In the interim, the following rates would apply; \$10.00 for a single-axle trailer, \$20.00 for a 14-ft. single-axle trailer, and \$30.00 flat rate for the larger trailers. Joe noted that he believed this fee schedule would satisfy all parties involved.
- The Chairman noted that the 2010 TMC Meeting schedule was included in your packets. If you are unable to make a meeting, please send your Alternate. In addition, if you have any changes please bring them to Judy's attention.
- Mike Connors asked if staff had any indications of the Board's concerns regarding the Curbside Recycling Program. Deb responded that staff would have a better handle on their concerns after the workshop in January.
- Tee Corbo, citizen and former County employee, introduced himself and asked if the County was going to spend \$25M for Curbside containers; Deb responded that was not correct. Mr. Corbo also asked if the County was going to spend \$12M for the program; Deb responded that figure was a placeholder. In addition, he noted that the Kessler report stated that the County would accumulate about 50,000 tons of materials with less than \$2.5M dollars of revenue. He asked why would the County spend \$12M per year to recycle and get \$2.5M or less in revenue? Mr. Corbo asked how can this be justified.
The Chairman responded that all of Mr. Corbo's questions would be answered at some point during the process once the County has formalized their plans.
Mr. Corbo asked additional questions regarding the landfill operation; he suggested that the County build an additional fourth boiler.
The Chairman thanked Mr. Corbo for his comments and noted that they would be placed in the record and that they would be answered at some point in the future.
- In addition, another question arose regarding *when* the Curbside Recycling Interlocal Agreement would be completed. Joe Morrissey stated that we won't be able to answer that question until after the workshop in January. Mr. Corbo stated that he doesn't feel that government shouldn't be dictating to the citizens and business owners regarding services.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Bob Cyr and seconded by Earl Gloster to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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