



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Operations Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting - January 27, 2010

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 27, 2010. Members and Alternates present were; John Pittman, Nick DeCeglie, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Michael Gordon, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Ed Pickhardt, Robert Cyr, Don Sopak, Dean Scharmen, Guest, 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 2:02 pm. The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. The Chairman asked if there was anyone who would like to make any comments before we begin the agenda.

Citizens to be Heard: The Chairman acknowledged Tee Corbo. Mr. Corbo stated that he was attending the TMC meeting to listen and to find out what is going on regarding Solid Waste in Pinellas County. He stated that curbside recycling would cost jobs as a result of big government taking over – Cities be careful.

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 Don Sopak to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Kelsi Oswald

- Kelsi stated that the tonnage to the plant is going down and, in fact, we actually have to shut units down due to the lack of garbage. We are feeling the impact of the economic turndown. The plant is running very well, but we have a shortage of fuel which is impacting those figures.
- The boiler outage is scheduled for February 7th or 8th taking one unit down until the end of March. The first week of March we will have cold iron for 3-5 days. We anticipate minor diversions happening through that two month period, but we will still be sending the majority of the waste to the plant.
- We are continuing to work on our permit renewal response to DEP.
- Florida Gateway is working with the City of St. Petersburg with regard to the current zoning and potential changes.

- We had a busy November and December at HEC₃ with over 2,000 participants and 524 mobile participants.
- On January 5th, the BCC approved the contract with Paradigm Software so we are starting the software transition. We hope to have that set up and start testing in three to four months. Once that happens, it will open up the opportunity to start looking at credit card transactions and a Sun Pass type of system. At that point, we will be taking input from you for suggestions.
- With respect to the Curbside Recycling Program, Bob has been meeting with the Commissioners. We don't expect to go back to the Board in a workshop until March or April.
- On February 8th we will be implementing the new flat rate fee for single axle trailers. The rate schedule includes three flat fees - \$10, \$20, \$30 – depending upon the size of the trailers.
- We received a Consent Order regarding Pond "A" water quality and we have plans in place to address that.
- The Florida FDEP has submitted its report to the legislature on achieving the State's 75% Recycling Goals. You are all encouraged to read this report as there are some lofty goals in that report. The recommendations could have a significant impact upon all our businesses if implemented by the legislature.
- We have completed the Slurry Wall work out on 118th Avenue and we are waiting for DEP to sign off on the Construction Completion Certification. FDOT has begun their work and is expected to be done by the end of this year.
- We made our recommendation for the construction of the new Hand Unload Facility and will be going to the Board next Tuesday for approval.
- The Pond "A" embankment stabilization project is being rebid due to potential County savings (alternative vinyl sheet product) identified during the initial bid process. The revisions for this product have been completed and construction is tentatively scheduled to start in March, 2010 after the rebidding process.
- We had a busy November with over 1,000 citizens attending tours and presentations.
- The 2010 Recycling Directory has been printed and will be inserted in the St. Petersburg Times and the Tampa Tribune on Sunday, January 31st.
- St. Vincent dePaul of Clearwater submitted a late application for the Charity Recycling Incentive Program that we will be asking you to approve.
- The 2010 Recycle Regatta is being planned by Keep Pinellas Beautiful.

Budget Report – Lisa Ledoux

- Lisa reported that two cities opted out of the Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grants for fiscal year 09/10 - Belleair Shores and Redington Beach. The unclaimed allocations were redistributed to participating municipalities on a per capita basis.
- Lisa stated that the Financial Report for FY 08/09 is provided in your packets. User fees were down substantially; again due to the economic downturn. Electric revenue and capacity were both down basically due to failure of Turbine Generator #1.
- Lisa reported that the budget for FY 09/10 is available; she asked for questions – there were none.

Charity Disposal Allowance – Andy Fairbanks

- Rick Clarke reported that over the holidays St. Vincent dePaul requested a disposal waiver which is pro-rated for 38 tons based on their recycling numbers from last year. He noted that they are a 501(c)(3) and meet the 50% recycling minimum. Any questions – there were none.

A motion was made by Mike Sweet to approve the Charity Disposal Allowance Recommendation for St. Vincent dePaul of Clearwater. The motion was seconded by Mike Connors. The vote was unanimous.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Bob Hauser reported that the Curbside Recycling Program is continuing and staff is hoping to go back to the Board in early March.
- Bob recommended that everyone read the 75% recycling document; that will significantly impact all of us which includes mandatory commercial recycling, composting, and C&D recycling. SWANA is having their winter meeting today in Orlando and Andy Fairbanks went there to attend the State's update on the 75% Recycling Goals mandate.
- As of Wednesday afternoon we waived our tipping fee for the dead fish that are coming in. The waiver was approved by the County Administrator. Traditionally, the tipping fee is waived for Red Tide events.
- Nick DiCeglie asked about meetings regarding the franchise collection. Bob reported that he will be setting up meetings with the haulers and staff in the near future.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mike Connors and seconded by Ed Pickhardt to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th, 2010 @ 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary

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