



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Division of Solid Waste Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting – December 7, 2011

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the division of Solid Waste Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Shari Rheuble, Ben Shirley, Mike Connors, Mike Gordon, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, Thomas Nicholls, Robert Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Steve Carroll. Mike Maxemow, City of St. Pete Beach, and James Walker, Chairman, City of Pinellas Park were absent. Assisting with conducting the meeting were Bob Hauser, SWO Director, Joe Morrissey, County Attorney and Judy Lund, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: The Vice Chairman, Mike Connors, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

The Vice Chairman asked if there was anyone who would like to make any comments on items that are not on the TMC Agenda. Attilio Corbo had questions on beach recycling, the current County funding for the program and requested a copy of the reports from each municipality for their fiscal year tons recycled by single family, multi-family and businesses for the FY' 2010-2011. The Vice Chairman asked Mr. Corbo if all the information he requested was on the copy handed to him and thanked him for putting everything in writing.

Minutes: The Vice Chairman asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections.

A motion was made by Don Sopak and seconded by Michael Gordon to accept the TMC Minutes as written. Calvin Warren noted the error on page 2 as a correction changing "conferences" to "questions". The vote was unanimous.

Operations Report - Deb Bush

- Deb reviewed the Operations Report; a copy of which is attached. Bob Hauser interjected that the reason for the tonnage level being lower is because one of the boilers was down due to maintenance in the month of October.

Financial Report – Bob Hauser

- Bob reviewed the Financial Report; a copy of which is attached. Bob stated that some numbers are not up to date because not all invoices have come in due to the new billing system in place.
- The recovered metals from the WTE plant came in much higher than budgeted. The increase was off-set by the fact that interest rates are down. Operation expenses are down because \$14M budgeted still included some of the monies for the Curbside Recycling program. Plant management is down primarily due to tonnage being down and also the way our contract works. Last year they had a penalty of several million dollars and had to pay us; CIP was under-spent. We have almost \$30M in construction projects awarded and underway so in the next six months there will be another \$10M going in. These budgets are done a year and a half before the end of the fiscal year. At that time some programs were still under investigation and it wasn't until after the BCC made a decision to end the programs therefore, they are not in the budget this year.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- Bob Hauser asked the TMC members to have their drivers watch their speed when entering the facility as it is a dangerous corner.
- Beginning in January, all tires 36" or larger must be cut in quarters; the size limit now is 42". It's become an operational issue with the plant.
- Bob would like to take an extra half an hour to go over more details on some of the issues we're facing and what's going on at the facility at future meetings.
- The Budget Committee will be meeting in April. Bob would like them to come out for a meeting and discuss each line item.
- Diana Hugg asked why we planned maintenance on the plant this time of year when all the snowbirds are coming back. Bob explained that September through December is our lowest tonnage delivery time of the year.
- The Vice Chairman asked at what point does the continued dimishment of solid waste become disadvantageous in terms of electrical revenues. Bob said that's one of the issues he wants to go over. The more variable costs you get you can adjust according to your waste tonnage coming in, the better off you are. You can consider Personnel cost as a fixed cost as opposed to a variable cost with public entities. Bob stated that he has never seen a down turn as big as this or lasting as long. When we were doing some of our projections we were using 2015 as getting back to normal; we've had a little bit of a drop this fiscal year.
- Bob announced Judy Lund's retirement. He introduced Shay Unrue assuming Judy's responsibilities for the TMC. The Vice Chairman welcomed Shay and presented Judy with a plaque expressing the TMC appreciation for her service. Judy thanked the Vice Chairman and said she will miss everyone but she is going to have fun now.
- Questions regarding the Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PRP) and an update was requested; what are they working on and has a new Chairman been chosen. Calvin Warren responded and stated that they haven't had a meeting since the Chairman left and the next scheduled meeting is in January. The criteria in the by-laws is the Chairperson be a municipal representative. When the last municipal Chairperson left it was determined that it would be OK for Greg to serve Chair until the next election in January. The Vice Chairman asked how they take nominees. The TMC does not provide nominees, they are selected by the PPR. Valerie Brown stated that the TMC does have to approve the officers once elected. The Vice Chairman noted Mr. Foster personally advised him that he would be stepping down.

- The Vice Chairman encouraged any member to contact Bob Hauser, Jim Walker or himself with subject matters they would like Bob to address at future meetings.
- The Vice Chairman asked Earl Gloster how it's going with the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle fueling station. Earl said it is up and running and doing great. They have six more trucks scheduled to be purchased during this fiscal year so they will be an all CNG fleet. The Vice Chairman stated that CNG has less capital cost.
- Earl let everyone know that the City of Clearwater and the City of Tampa are sponsoring a Municipal Safety Seminar in January. He has invited David Biderman to speak. He's the Director of Safety for the National Solid Waste Management Association. Possible location for the seminar is the Tampa Convention Center and the date is January 30th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. There is no cost to attend this event so anyone that wants to send drivers, workers, etc. please feel free to attend.
- The Vice Chairman wished everyone a happy holiday.

Adjournment:

Earl Gloster made a motion and seconded by Diana Hugg to adjourn the meeting at 2:40pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 @ 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Shay Unrue, TMC Secretary

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