



# **TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Division of Solid Waste Conference Room**

### **Minutes of the Meeting - September 21, 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, September 21, 2011. Members and Alternates present were; Earl Gloster, Nick DeCeglie, Tom Lehmann, Mike Connors, Mike Gordon, Diana Hugg, Bill Pickrum, James Walker, Mike Maxemow, Robert Cyr, Don Sopak, Calvin Warren and Steve Carroll. Assisting with conduct of the meeting were Bob Hauser, SWO Director, Joe Morrissey, County Attorney and Judy Lund, Recording Secretary.

**Call to Order:** The Chairman, James Walker, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone who would like to make any comments on items that are not on the TMC Agenda; there were none.

**Minutes:** The 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 Bob Cyr and seconded by Earl Gloster to accept the TMC Minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.*

The Chairman asked if Phil Christman was available so that he could present him with a plaque for his service on the TMC. James asked Mike Maxemow to pass along to Phil that we would like to thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

James then asked Mike Maxemow to introduce himself. Mike stated that he retired from the City of Madeira Beach and he is now the Operations Manager for the City of St. Pete Beach and glad to be back. James thanked him for his continued service.

### **Operations Report – Joe Going**

- Joe reviewed the Operations Report; a copy of which is attached in your packets.
- Bob Hauser stated that he had solicited comments regarding the half day closings on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Based upon the input that he received, he stated that the Scalehouse will stay open those days with minimal staff.
- A question was asked regarding the Scalehouse website. Kelsi Oswald responded that there was a form that was required to be filled out identifying which of your employees should have access. After the meeting, she will assist with that. The completed form needs to be sent to Deb Bush and her staff will get the account set up.
- Mike Connors asked about the July WTE report, where you have 78% boiler availability and 95% turbine availability, why would availabilities not track more closely? Kelsi responded that Boiler #1 and #2 both go to the same turbine so sometimes one of those boilers could be down but the turbine is still up and available. Typically you will see boiler availability lower than the turbine availability. On Boiler #3, if the boiler is down the turbine is down because it can't operate without a boiler.
- Michael Gordon stated that his drivers were reporting that the tipping floor has been pretty full. Is something not working properly? Bob Hauser responded that they had a circuit breaker blow and when they started the turbine back up it tripped because the oil lube pump failed and had to be removed and repaired. This process took several days and it happened as the pit was being built up for the weekend.

### **Financial Report – Bob Hauser:**

- Bob Hauser stated that our revenues are down primarily because of the drop in tonnage. The recovered metals market has significantly improved so that has been a bright spot. Mike Connors asked if on the revenue side of the equation – is the “Interest” budgeted down due to the borrowing of fund balance monies for Penny for Pinellas projects? Steve Carroll responded that the general market is down; interest rates earned on money are down and he stated that would be the primary reason for the drop.

### **Charities Recommendations – Rick Clarke:**

- The Chairman stated that this is the time of year we review the charities that come before the TMC asking for free tip fees.
- Rick Clarke introduced himself and reviewed with the TMC the FY 2011-2012 Charity Reuse Allowance Determinations report that was included in the packets. He stated this report is based on one ton of fees waived for every three tons recycled; he added that there were no new additions. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the tonnage waiver.

*A motion was made by Calvin Warren and seconded by Nick DeCeglie to approve the FY2011-2012 Charity Reuse Allowance Determinations as presented. The vote was unanimous.*

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

- The Chairman asked if everyone had a chance to review the TMC Meeting schedule for 2012; any comments, concerns, any conferences? Mike Connors asked about the Rate Review Committee date for next year which is scheduled for April 25, 2012.

- Mike Connors asked Earl Gloster about going to CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) power for trucks. Earl stated that the City of Clearwater took delivery of their first CNG truck in June. Clearwater Gas is building a CNG filling station on Hercules Avenue and the Grand Opening is going to be October 7<sup>th</sup>. They have had pretty good success with this truck and the driver is very experienced. The truck runs a little quieter and a tiny bit slower on the take off. The fuel is trading at \$1.25 and meets all the emissions standards. They are very happy with it; it's Peterbilt and the tanks are mounted on the top. Earl suggested that if anyone is considering buying one, going forward they should have the fuel tank put on the back or body because they are having some problems with trees. The cost is about \$20,000 more than a diesel. Please come to the Grand Opening on October 7<sup>th</sup> and check it out.

**Adjournment:**

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.*

*The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 @ 2:00 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Lund, TMC Secretary*

*Utlsw06/2011TMCMinutesFormatRev.doc*