



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on July 22, 2020

Pinellas Room, Heritage Village

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the Heritage Village Pinellas Room, 2:00 pm on July 22, 2020. Members present were Willie Joseph, Deb Bush, Bob Turner, Bill Pickrum, Daric Huntt, Michael Gordon, Nan Bennett, Bart Diebold, Tom Nicholls, Rodney Due and Bryant Johnson. Pinellas County employee attendees were Catherine Eichner and Stephanie Watson, Department of Solid Waste (DSW) and Brendan Mackesey, County Attorney. Members absent without an alternate: Dean Scharmen, Indian Rocks Beach and Scott Witt, City of Tarpon Springs. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Willie Joseph, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Citizens to be heard

None present

Minutes

Mr. Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made by Deb Bush; seconded by Bob Turner to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report

Deb Bush, SW Division Manager

- The Operations report for May and June 2020 are included in the meeting packet for review.
- 30% higher on commercial disposal over residential.
- Do not foresee any outages in the WTE plant prior to the planned Fall Outage.

Financial Report

- The Financial Report of revenues and expenditures covering October 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 is included in the meeting packet for review. Please direct any questions to Deb Bush for response prior to the next meeting.

Countywide Municipal Recyclables Composition Study

- Abbey Patterson and Michael Timpane from Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) remotely presented the results of the Recycling Market Analysis. The primary objective was to understand what markets exist for clean, non-contaminated recyclables in order to advise the County on existing markets and their behavior to determine the feasibility of a publicly-owned regional MRF. Kim Byer and Travis Barnes with Hillsborough County were also online to provide feedback since they have already completed their recycling composition and feasibility studies.

- The next item in response to the Board of County Commissioner’s letter to the TMC is to “assess current recycling practices and waste composition of curbside recycling for each municipality.” Deb presented Kessler Consulting’s proposed scope of work to conduct a recycling composition study on recyclables collected by or on behalf of the municipalities. Upon acceptance of the scope of work, the Chairman will send out a letter to the municipalities with their options and costs for sampling. Municipalities will need to respond with a commitment to participate and at which level of sampling.
- The Vice-Chairman entertained a motion to approve the scope of work. **A motion was made by Bob Turner; seconded by Tom Nicholls. Motion carried unanimously.**

TMC Subcommittee - Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update

- The July 8, 2020 membership meeting was cancelled. A current update is included in the meeting packet for review.

Rate Review Subcommittee

- Currently developing the scope for consulting services. The preference is to retain Raftelis but Purchasing has encountered issues with piggybacking on the existing contract. Once the services are procured, the members may move forward with assembling the subcommittee.

Additional Items for Discussion

- Tom Nicholls introduced Rodney Due from City of Seminole. Rodney is the Alternate Member representing Group “B” Cities.

Adjournment

Deb Bush made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Bob Turner. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm. The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlee Ward
TMC Recording Secretary