



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on November 18, 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 November 18, 2020. Members present were Earl Gloster, Willie Joseph, Deb Bush, Robert Turner, Natalie Gass, Tracy Meehan, Michael Gordon, Cedric Harris, Nan Bennett, Rodney Due, Daniel Hubbard, and Ray Boler. Pinellas County employee attendees were Paul Sacco, Department of Solid Waste (DSW) and Joe Morrissey, County Attorney. Members absent without an alternate: Scott Witt, City of Tarpon Springs and Andrew Butterfield, City of St. Pete Beach. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Earl Gloster, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Citizens to be heard

None present

Minutes

Mr. Gloster entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made by Robert Turner; seconded by Michael Gordon to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recognition

- Mr. Gloster presented retiring member Ray Boler with a plaque in recognition and appreciation for his years of service to the solid waste industry. Mr. Boler has been a representing member of the Technical Management Committee since 2008.
- Mr. Gloster welcomed Nan Bennett, City of Oldsmar as the new Primary Representative for Group "A" Cities. Renee Cooper, City of Safety Harbor is the new Alternate.

Operations Report

Deb Bush, Solid Waste Division Manager

- The Operations report for September and October 2020 are included in the meeting packet for review.
- Overall, waste is down 1.1% for FY 2020 compared to 2019. Commercial waste is trending downward 14-16%. Residential waste is trending upward 13-16%.
- Fall outage at the Waste to Energy facility started October 14 and ended on October 28. No problems or unexpected conditions were discovered.
- The TRP will conclude following the Spring outage. The remaining boiler pressure part projects will be completed as Discretionary Additional Projects. The Department of Solid Waste will complete three remaining structural steel projects.
- The elevation of the South Landfill is approaching 90 feet. The Department of Solid Waste will be meeting with the Engineer of Record (EOR) to develop fill sequencing plans.

- Business Waste Assessments (BWAS) conducting a limited number of inspections via virtual meeting and telephone.
- On October 23rd, the Department of Solid Waste invited the media for a closer look at the recycling composition study being conducted on site. Two media outlets were in attendance, ABC Action News and Telemundo49.
- All Municipal Recycling Grant reimbursements have been made. 23 municipalities participated. Out of the \$500,000 allocated, \$499,978.50 was spent. 23 municipalities have submitted their Intent to Participate Forms for next year.
- The Recycling & Outreach Programs Section has begun offering virtual presentations on the Solid Waste Disposal Facility and proper recycling.

Financial Report

- Deb Bush reviewed the Financial Report of revenues and expenditures covering October 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 on behalf of Linda Larkins. A copy is included in the meeting packet for review.

Pinellas County Updates

Deb Bush, Solid Waste Division Manager

- Deb provided an update on the Recycling Materials Composition Study. 18 of the 24 municipalities participated with a total of 154 samples pulled. The consultant is working to summarize the data and hope to have it available by mid-December. Kessler will be invited to the January meeting to present the results of the study as well as an updated marketing analysis. A draft of the results will be provided prior to January's meeting.

Paul Sacco, Solid Waste Director

- Paul suggested scheduling a longer meeting in January in order to discuss the results of the composition study and plan forward to be able to provide a recommendation or update to the Board of County Commissioners.

Selection of Rate Review Subcommittee

- Mr. Gloster opened the floor to volunteers. In response were Michael Gordon, William Pickrum, Deb Bush, Robert Turner, and Nan Bennett. A Chairperson will be selected at the January 27, 2021 meeting.

TMC Subcommittee - Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update

- No representing members in attendance. A written report of updates is included in the TMC meeting packet for review.

TMC Meeting Schedule for 2021

- The proposed schedule of meetings for calendar year 2021 was accepted as written.

Department of Solid Waste Holiday Schedule for 2021

- The proposed schedule of holiday hours and closures for calendar year 2021 was accepted as written.

Additional Items for Discussion

Michael Gordon, City of Largo

- Robert Comi is no longer with the City of Largo. Eric (Ricky) Floyd is the new Alternate member.

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste

- The current landfill contractor Advanced Disposal Systems has been purchased by Waste Management. Do not foresee any changes to the current contract or services.
- Pinellas County was scheduled to meet with Duke Energy to discuss the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) on November 9th, but meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Eta. To be rescheduled.
- Pinellas County sent out a pre-storm message to the public to not bag storm debris. Following the storm, the County didn't observe a sufficient amount of debris to deploy the collection contracts, so a new message was issued instructing residents to follow their regular garbage collection process.
**The municipalities requested to include instruction on not placing containers or materials on curb in case of high winds. Paul will have this added to the County's pre-storm messaging. Earl suggested the municipalities also communicate this to their residents in their messaging.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm. The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlee Ward
TMC Recording Secretary