



Technical Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on January 27, 2021

Magnolia Room, Pinellas Extension

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the Pinellas Extension Magnolia Room, 1:30 pm on January 27, 2021. Members present were Willie Joseph, Bryant Johnson, Deb Bush, Robert Turner, Michael Gordon, William Pickrum, Nan Bennett, Tracy Meehan, Cedric Harris, Rodney Due, Bart Diebold, and Andrew Butterfield. Pinellas County employee attendees were Paul Sacco, Department of Solid Waste (DSW), Linda Larkins, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Joe Morrissey, County Attorney, and Brendan Mackesey, County Attorney. Members absent without an alternate: 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 1:40 pm.

Citizens to be heard

None present

Minutes

Mr. Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made by Robert Turner; seconded by Deb Bush to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report

Deb Bush, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- The Operations report for November and December 2020 are included in the meeting packet for review.
- The WTE facility's fall outage was completed in December. A major outage was conducted during this time. A major outage is scheduled every five years for inspections and preventative maintenance. Spring outage is scheduled to start on March 1. Only one boiler at a time will be taken offline during this outage.
- Waste Management has completed their acquisition of ADS and has been implementing additional safety operating requirements.
- Business Waste Assessments (BWAS) conducting a limited number of inspections via virtual meeting and telephone.
- The 2021 Countrywide Commercial Recycling Awareness Survey kickoff is on February 3rd. Phone surveys to businesses are expected to take place in late spring.
- The 2020 Solid Waste Management Report data collection has begun. The report will be submitted to FDEP by April 1st. The County's recycling rate is to be published by FDEP on July 1, 2021.

- FY21 Quarter 1 Municipal Recycling Grant reimbursement requests have been received and will be processed.

Financial Report

Linda Larkins, Pinellas County Office of Management and Budget

- Reviewed the Financial Report of revenues and expenditures covering October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. A copy is included in the meeting packet for review.
- Clerk Finance is currently in an adjustment period so they could post additional payments as needed before closing the year's accounting.
- Duke Electric Sales Revenue is lower than anticipated due to lower rates.
- Recovered Metals Revenue is lower than anticipated due to decreased market rates.
- Plant Management favorability is due to lower than anticipated monthly service costs. TRP Operating projects are ~\$1M favorable to budget due to timing of project completions.
- Landfill Management unfavorability is due to Clerk Finance overaccrual of a \$943K ADS invoice. Clerk Finance will reverse this entry before they complete the FY20 closing.

Pinellas County Updates

Paul Sacco, Solid Waste Director

- Pinellas County Solid Waste met with Duke Energy in early December to discuss the Power Purchase Agreement. There will be no negotiation of the current agreement, nor a renewed PPA going forward. Duke Energy will continue with the agreement through to expiration on December 31, 2024. At that time, Solid Waste will have the option to sell its power on the open market, sell it to Duke Energy at an "as available" rate, or enter into a standard offer agreement with Duke Energy. The "best" worst-case scenario would be to enter into a standard offer agreement, which is factored into the budget forecast presented to the Rate Review Subcommittee.

Rate Review Subcommittee Recommendation

- William Pickrum (subcommittee Chair) presented to the TMC information that the Rate Review Subcommittee discussed at their 11:00 am meeting. Raftelis gave a (virtual) presentation of the updated rate model reflecting a projected 2% decrease in overall tonnage due to COVID-19. In addition, there will be no renewal of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) after its expiration in December 2024.
- These items were discussed by the subcommittee and the vote was 3/2, passing to continue the 6% increase approved for FY22.
- The Rate Review Subcommittee is recommending a 6% increase beginning on October 1, 2021. A roll call of the TMC was conducted with the following results:
 - Group "A" Cities – Yes
 - Group "B" Cities – No
 - Group "C" Cities – Yes
 - City of Pinellas Park – Yes
 - City of Largo – No
 - City of Tarpon Springs – Absent
 - Private Sector – Yes
 - City of Dunedin – Yes
 - City of St. Petersburg (2) – No / No
 - City of St. Pete Beach - Yes
 - Pinellas County/BoCC – Yes
 - City of Clearwater – Yes
- ***The motion was passed voting 8/4 in favor of the 6% increase to begin on October 1, 2021.***

- The TMC will need to submit a written recommendation to the County Administrator to present to the Board of County Commissioners. Paul Sacco will work with OMB to draft the letter for Chairman Gloster's signature.

TMC Subcommittee - Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update

Deanna Doss, Chairman

- January's meeting was held on January 14th via Zoom. The annual election of officers was conducted with Jack Crooks elected for Vice-Chairman and Deanna Doss re-elected for Chairman. Deanna requested the TMC's approval of the elected officers. **A motion was made by Robert Turner to approve; seconded by Tracy Meehan. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Reminder to municipalities that their annual recycling reports are due to the Department of Solid Waste by February 5, 2021 and should be sent to Emily LeMay (elemay@pinellascounty.org).
- Work Group Updates:
 - Contract (Best Practices) Work Group – Published a document to assist municipalities in developing a contract with a new recycling processor and what should be included. Was previously sent to the TMC for review.
 - Contamination Work Group – Will be concentrating on a campaign to keep rechargeable batteries out of the waste stream.
 - Enforcement Work Group – Still soliciting for a Chair.
 - Commercial Work Group – Reviewing contamination to identify what messaging should be created to assist businesses in their recycling practices.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 via Zoom.

Recycling Composition Presentation

Kessler Consulting provided a (virtual) presentation of the results of the Recycling Composition Study. A copy of their report was sent to TMC members prior to today's meeting. The study spanned 3 weeks with 18 of the 24 municipalities participating and reviewed the materials and percentage of what is being received into the various recycling streams. The goal was to identify what is being collected countywide and the contamination rate and was conducted as the first step of a feasibility study for a publicly owned materials recovery facility (MRF) in the County. In addition, these results will allow an average market value (AMV) to be calculated on the Countywide municipal recyclables composition indicating the value of the recycling stream.

Updated Market Value Study

Deb Bush presented Resource Recycling Systems' (RRS) Recycling Commodity Analysis and Current Market Value Study. The report was received this morning and will be shared with TMC members following today's meeting.

The TMC will need to discuss the information from the Recycling Composition Study and the Current Market Value Study at the next meeting in order to move forward with some type of recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners in April.

Additional Items for Discussion

Michael Gordon, City of Largo

- Mr. Gordon introduced Eric Floyd as the new Alternate member for the City of Largo.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlee Ward
TMC Recording Secretary