



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on September 22, 2021

Jenkins Room B, Largo Public Library

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at Largo Public Library, Jenkins Room B, 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Members present were Earl Gloster, Deb Bush, Robert Turner, William Pickrum, Michael Gordon, Nan Bennett, Bart Diebold, Rodney Due, Cedric Harris, and Scott Witt. Pinellas County employee attendees were Robert Mills, Linda Larkins, Joe Morrissey, and Brendan Mackesey. Members absent without an alternate: Tracy Meehan, Willie Joseph, and Andrew Butterfield. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Earl Gloster, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Citizens to be heard

None present.

Minutes

Mr. Gloster entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by Deb Bush to accept the TMC Minutes as written. Motion approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Deb Bush, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- As part of the tasks assigned by the Board of County Commissioners to look at recycling in Pinellas County, Solid Waste solicited Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) to prepare a pro forma of costs to build a transfer station (sending materials to Hillsborough) or to build a MRF in Pinellas County.
- A copy of RRS' Opinion Brief is included in the meeting packet.
- The information should be shared with your respective groups/municipalities for consideration. Feedback will be discussed at the November meeting in order to make a recommendation to the Board in December.

Michael Timpane, Resource Recycling Systems

- Mr. Timpane provided a virtual presentation of the cost assessment and reviewed their research and findings for both options. Refer to Attachment 1: RRS Opinion on Recyclables Processing and Marketing Costs for Pinellas County (PowerPoint).

Operations Report

Deb Bush, SW Division Manager

- Deb gave the Operations report for the months of July and August 2021.
- Fall outage is schedule to begin October 20 with B101 coming down first. Common outage will begin October 26 and end on November 2. Full diversion is expected during the common outage.
- FM Global completed their flood and ire risk assessment on the facility. Notice to Proceed has been provided to Covanta for several projects resulting from the inspection.
- The registration for Renewable Energy Credits is being approved along with review of sales agreements.
- Performance monitoring of the landfill operations and site conditions will be conducted using our consulting engineer.
- Lack of rain during the summer months impacted the water levels in Pond A resulting in shut-down of the Industrial Water Treatment Plant (IWTP) July 1-8. Upon start up, IWTP made operational improvements and averaged 1.5MGD over five consecutive days (prior 1.1MGD). The improvements in July allowed IWTP staff to increase August production.
- The next Mobile Collection event is scheduled for September 25 at the North County Satellite Site.
- The Veterinary Industry Workshop, in which businesses were educated on solid and hazardous waste management responsibilities, was held on August 25 and was successful.
- Pinellas County, the City of St. Petersburg, and Keep Pinellas Beautiful are now members of the regional waste reduction educational campaign called “Reduce Your Use (RYU) Tampa Bay.” Pinellas County municipalities have been invited to participate in the campaign as sharing partners who promote the campaign to its residents and businesses.

Financial Report

Linda Larkins, Pinellas County Office of Management and Budget

- Linda reviewed the Financial Report of revenues and expenditures for October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Duke Electric Sales Revenue are always one month in arrears.
- Other Revenue budget amount is primarily a Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT for the North County HEC3 facility at \$1.255M. The JPA funds were received and deposited on August 20, 2021.
- Personal Services favorability is due to vacant positions.
- Plant Management favorability - During the nine months of October – June, eight monthly Covanta service payments were posted. However, one of those was a \$1.7M posting error by the Clerk for May 2020. The Clerk corrected that error on August 25, 2021, so that will be reflected in a subsequent Financial Status Summary report.

- Operating TRP project payments are less than planned. During October – June, payments total \$3.5M. As of September 16, 2021, no additional TRP payments have been posted. FY21 Budget includes \$5M for Operating TRP expenditures. All TRP projects are anticipated to be completed by the end of FY21.
- Capital Equipment and CIP favorability is due to timing of purchases and completion of projects.

Pinellas County Updates

Cassie Tierney, Solid Waste Administrative Manager

- Cassie virtually provided a review of the Charity Free Disposal Allowance Application Summary which is included in the meeting packet. A total of nine (9) charitable organizations qualified to receive the disposal waiver for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Solid Waste is requesting TMC approval for ~\$343,729.48 in tipping fee waivers. **The Chairman entertained a motion to approve. A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by Michael Gordon. Motion carried unanimously.**

Robert Mills, Solid Waste Division Manager

- Solid Waste met with FDEP in August to discuss their request to rescind the NPDES permit. Have received approval to move forward with a modified operating permit to allow outward gradient from 30 days to 90 days along with other stipulations. Once the modified operating permit is approved, they will move forward with closing out the consent order and eventually rescinding the NPDES permit.

TMC Subcommittee Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update

No representative in attendance. The minutes from the September 17, 2021 meeting will be shared once they become available.

Additional Items

- Mr. Gloster inquired about updates on red tide. Deb Bush shared that Solid Waste hasn't received a red tide load since September 4.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

The next TMC Meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Carlee Ward, Recording TMC Secretary