



Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on May 22, 2024

SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304

The meeting of the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) was held at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304 at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Members present were Willie Joseph, William Pickrum, Kervin St. Aimie, Jacolby Washington, Raymond Adams, Robert Turner, Renee Cooper, Daniel Simpson, Tom Nicholls, Rodney Due, JP Agrall, Catherine Eichner, and Tracy Meehan. Members absent without an alternate: Keith Sabiel, Marco Villagomez, and Kaitlyn Roy. Pinellas County employees in attendance were Paul Sacco, Cassie Hartman, Emily LeMay, and Brendan Mackesey. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

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

Citizens to be heard

No citizens to be heard.

Minutes

Chairman Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting.

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

Operations Report

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Paul reviewed the Solid Waste Operations Report for March and April 2024.
- The facility scheduled Spring outage started in March which included the cold iron outage. A new full flow lube oil filter was installed for turbine-generator (TG) number 1. This new equipment will provide additional protection to the TG for more sustainable operations.
- Renewable Energy Credits (REC) continue to sell. To date 2,354,162 RECs have been sold for a value of \$692,230.50.
- Staff met with Waste Management (WM) team to discuss site maintenance conditions. WM has demonstrated increased performance on maintenance of the site ditches and ponds. Staff revised the yard waste mulch sterilization program to make improvements in data recording and provide certification. Coordinating discussions with potential yard waste market opportunities.
- In March the IWTF was down during the scheduled WTE spring outage. IWTF staff performed maintenance and cleaning tasks during this period. The IWTF outage extended two additional weeks so that work could be completed to replace the clarifier rake drive and to install

membranes in Reverse Osmosis Skid 2. The IWTF came back online in April running two shifts. Construction work continues on the new clarifier and sludge thickener project with construction currently estimated to be complete in August.

- In March, 344 customers used the Swap Shop and 7,958 pounds of chemicals were diverted from disposal. There was one Municipal Household Chemical Collection Event at East Lake that served 207 customers and collected 14,506 pounds of chemicals. The HHW Center collected 49,776 pounds of chemicals and 30,880 pounds of chemicals were collected at HHW North.
- In April, 323 customers used the Swap Shop and 8,246 chemicals were diverted from disposal. The HHW Center collected 39,920 pounds of chemicals and 23,963 pounds of chemicals were collected at HHW North.
- In March and April, the Business Waste Assessments Section (BWAS) conducted 279 business visits, exceeding the monthly goals. In March, 40% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate because of the education received from BWAS. In April, 37% of the businesses reinspected after 5 years had a 100% return-to-compliance rate.
- The Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grant (MRG) is being revamped for fiscal year 2025 to focus on standardizing recycling outreach throughout the County and improving waste diversion. Allocations to municipalities will still be reimbursable as the program is currently administered, however, they will no longer be based on population size. A not-to-exceed allocation will be determined on a case-by-case basis and receipts will be required for reimbursement. Evaluation criteria are being developed and will be presented at the next TMC meeting for input from the municipalities.
- On Sunday, April 28, the first PPR Contamination Work Group battery ad was released on Pinellas County social media accounts in honor of World Day for Safety and Health at Work. Ashley is working on a website story to promote the ads. Additional clarification about what types of materials contain rechargeable batteries is being added to the County website.
- The Tour Classroom has been renovated to include artwork designed and installed by Sir Speedy Signs. Jasmine Scott led the project in its entirety. The main graphic wall features five panels depicting images of the “4Rs” (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover) + “Collaboration,” in line with the Solid Waste Master Plan. The back wall of the room is a drone photo of the Solid Waste Disposal Complex with key tour locations labeled. Additional improvements, such as the addition of a digital information display, are planned for the building’s lobby.

Financial Report

Cassie Hartman, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Cassie reviewed the Financial Status Summary for October 1 through April 30.
- Other income includes sale of PPE items.
- Duke Electric Sales Revenue and Capacity Revenue are always one month in arrears.
- Plant management includes all Covanta contracted work.
- Capital improvement projects have \$13M+ encumbered, but projects have not been billed/posted yet.

Pinellas County Updates

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Emily LeMay has been promoted to Solid Waste Program Manager over the Recycling and Outreach Program.
- State's preliminary report on recycling is showing a 49% rate for traditional recycling and a 70% total recycling rate for Pinellas County, which is higher than last year. With an additional 1% in traditional recycling, Pinellas County would have qualified for the additional Waste to Energy credit, which would have propelled the total recycling rate to approximately 75%.
- Tip trailer transfer program has been approved, and the area is currently being constructed. They expect to start diverting tip trailers on June 3rd.
- Wrapping up countywide Residential Recycling Survey and should have the results by the end of month. They will share final report once available.
- The final report from the Municipal and County Recycling Composition Study should be available by the beginning of June and will be shared with everyone when available. Paul thanked those who participated.
- The County is working with ReWorld (formerly Covanta) to extend the existing service agreement through 12/31/25 to provide time for procurement of a new WTE operator. Expect to have the contract ready for legal review in the next couple of weeks.
- Power brokering continues to move forward. Have a broker who already has a contract for Lee County and Pinellas would be able to piggyback on that contract.

Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update:
 - A copy of the notes from the May 15, 2024 meeting are included in the meeting packet.
 - Vicki Fordyce, City of St. Petersburg was elected for the Chair position.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024 via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Suncoast Compost will be presenting.

MRF Update

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Solid Waste staff met with the processors to discuss the RFP and based on the scope of work and lack of guaranteed tonnage, plus the timing with Hillsborough County's active RFP, they shared that none of them would submit a bid. The County recently surveyed unincorporated residents and found that more than 65% already recycle. Another survey will be conducted to gather better data. The numbers from this survey will be brought back to the City Managers' Meeting in May for further direction. Paul will provide another update at the July TMC meeting.

Additional Items for Discussion

- Kervin St. Aimie introduced Jacolby Washington as the new Alternate Member for the City of Clearwater.

Chairman Joseph called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by Bill Pickrum. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

The next TMC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304, 13805 58th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Respectfully submitted, Carlee Ward, Recording TMC Secretary