



## Technical Management Committee Minutes of the Meeting on May 28, 2025

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 28, 2025. Members present were Willie Joseph, William Pickrum, Kervin St. Aimie, Jacolby Washington, John Benton, Kaitlyn Roy Nielsen, Gina Messenger, Robert Turner, Daniel Simpson, Rodney Due, JP Agrall, Catherine Eichner, and Tracy Meehan. Members absent without an alternate: Keith Sabiel and Marco Villagomez. Pinellas County employees in attendance were Paul Sacco, Cassie Hartman, Emily LeMay, James Lewis, and Miles Belknap. Carlee Ward, TMC Secretary recorded the minutes.

### Call to Order

Willie Joseph, Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

### Citizens to be heard

No citizens to be heard.

### Minutes

Chairman Joseph entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025 meeting.

**A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by William Pickrum 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 2025.
- The Waste to Energy (WTE) Operating Agreement RFP submittals are due at the end of June. Staff have received questions from the proposers and completed all responses. The review committee is wscheduled to meet on June 24.
- The WTE Spring outage concluded with all boilers returning to service on May 25.
- The water level in Pond A is currently less than 2 feet.
- Industrial Water Treatment Facility (IWTF) availability was reduced in April due to a leak in the Pinellas Park sewer line requiring a plant shutdown 4/16-4/17, a power outage to IPS on the Duke powerline on 4/19 and reduced operating staff time due to operator resignation.
- The 2025 Commercial Recycling Awareness Survey instrument is finalized. The vendor HCP will contact businesses in May via a telephone survey. This survey helps Solid Waste understand how businesses participate in recycling programs and helps identify areas where the County can better

support them.

- HDR is developing a detailed scope and pricing for the five-year update to the Solid Waste Master Plan.
- Solid Waste staff are working on Communication Plans for the FY26 disposal fee increase, the closure of the North County Service Center recycling drop-off center, a spring-cleaning campaign to encourage residents to dispose of household hazardous waste ahead of hurricane season, the NOAA tire removal grant project, and future potential construction at the Fort DeSoto recycling drop-off centers.

## Financial Report

Cassie Hartman, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Cassie reviewed the Financial Status Summary for October 1 through April 30.
- Federal Grant line item under Revenue is the NOAA grant for tire removal from artificial reefs.
- Plant management includes all Reworld contracted work.
- Plant management expenses are delayed with the Clerk's auditing of invoices due to the extended service agreement.

## Pinellas County Updates

Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Update:
  - Last meeting was held May 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom.
  - Presentation by John Starke of MyMatR, which manufactures and sells automatic sorting public waste containers designed to engage and educate, while ensuring accurate disposal at the source.
  - Karen Moore, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) - [HB 295 – Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan](#) passed, goes into effect July 1, 2025.
  - Pat DePlasco, Keep Pinellas Beautiful (KPB) – Partnering with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium for a World Oceans Day Event on June 7, 2025.
  - Contamination Work Group – Working on the key message and will be promoting the battery ads more over the summer.
  - Low Waste Event Guide (LWEG) – Pinellas County implemented some strategies from the LWEG at the Employee Appreciation Picnic in April, achieving a 55% diversion rate.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2025 at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Solid Waste

- Revenue from power brokering will decrease in May due to lower availability from cold iron outage.
- Paul thanked the committee for approving early closure of the Solid Waste Disposal Complex on April 30<sup>th</sup> for the County's Employee Appreciation Picnic.
- Board of County Commissioners' Budget Information Session scheduled for June 12. Final

approval of the budget will take place in September.

- Due to an increase in post-storm construction debris, the most recent report shows landfill life expectancy is down to 72 years.

### **Additional Items for Discussion**

- No additional items were presented for discussion.

**Chairman Joseph called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Robert Turner and seconded by Kervin St. Aimie. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.**

**The next TMC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the SPC EpiCenter, Room 2-304, 13805 58<sup>th</sup> Street North, Clearwater 33760.**

Respectfully submitted, Carlee Ward, Recording TMC Secretary