

SOLID WASTE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 24, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chair Rich Owings.
The following were present:

Members and Alternates

Bob Brown, DEQ
Sebastian Degens, Port of Portland
Dave Phillips, Clackamas County
Kevin Martin, Washington County
Jim Rapp, City of Sherwood
Merle Irvine, Wastech, Inc.
Lynda Kotta, City of Gresham
Ed Gronke, Citizen
Dick Howard, Multnomah County
Mark Williams, Citizen

The following members were not present:

Delyn Kies, City of Portland
Tom Miller, Washington County Refuse Disposal Assoc.
John Trout, Teamsters Local 281
Gary LaHaie, Citizen
Jim Claypool, City of Portland
Dominic Mancini, Clackamas County
Bruce Warner, Washington County
Lorna Stickel, Multnomah County
Carolyn Browne, Citizen
Joe Glicker, Portland Water Bureau
Michael Borg, Clackamas County Refuse Disposal Assoc.
Dick Cereghino, Multnomah County Refuse Disposal Assoc.
John Drew, Far West Fibers
Ed Druback, City of West Linn
Jeanne Roy, Citizen

Metro Staff

Rich Owings
Bob Martin
Marilyn Matteson
Becky Crockett
Robert Newman
Leigh Zimmerman
Ray Barker
Aletta Yantis, Secretary

Guests

Todd Jones, Northwest Strategies

Status of Transportation Request for Bids

Bob Martin gave the status report on the Transportation to Arlington Landfill Request for Bids (RFB). An Evaluation Committee met to review options for the draft package. They are centering on a containerized system. The bidder would be responsible for transportation of a compacted load from the transfer station to the landfill. The containers would be standardized, leakproof, and would not require special solid waste handling.

The recommendation is for a ten year contract. This would allow for the bidder to capitalize their investment, but also give Metro an opportunity to extend the contract or ask for rebids.

Also included in the bid would be provisions for a backup system, bid bonds, and price adjustment process. The general provisions are being drafted for presentation to the Council Solid Waste Committee on July 5, 1988.

Metro staff has reviewed the proposals received by Clark County for their landfill/transport system. They received four proposals (two truck, one rail and one barge). This appears to be the general trend for transportation proposals.

Staff will present the RFB to the Council in Mid-August and anticipates awarding the contract in December 1988 or January 1989.

Ed Gronke asked whether Metro is on their timeline. Bob Martin stated that with the presentation to the Council scheduled for August 11th, staff is about one and one half weeks behind schedule.

Ed Gronke asked how Metro would handle the question of not knowing where the transfer station will be located. Bob Martin explained that a footprint with a three mile radius has been developed. If the transfer station is located outside the footprint there is a formula for calculating a cost adjustment.

Dave Phillips asked how Metro intended to handle Washington County's site or sites. Bob Martin indicated that the present bid request is for east county; however, the bid language will allow for negotiating the addition of new transfer stations.

Merle Irvine asked who would own the containers. Bob Martin stated that the Council would need to decide that issue. The staff recommendation would be for the transporter to own the containers. These would have to meet Metro standards.

Ed Gronke questioned whether the containers would be readily available in the current market? Bob Martin stated that they should be available. Rich Owings stated that one of the reasons for awarding the contract one year in advance was to allow the contractor lead time to acquire the equipment.

Dave Phillips asked about retrofitting CTRC for containers. Bob Martin stated this would begin in August. Rich Owings pointed out that there is money in the FY 1988-89 budget for retrofitting CTRC.

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It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 29, 1988 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Project Updates

- Rich Owings announced that Rich Carson has been selected as the new Director of Planning and Development. He has worked for the Oregon Economic Development Department in the Business Development Division.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Riedel mass composting facility has been approved for Executive Officer execution. The facility will process 185,000/tons per year, and is expected to be on line as a direct haul facility by the end of 1990. The next step will be securing a Letter of Credit from Barclays' Bank of London, England. A market study is being conducted to determine the effect of the facility on the local compost market.

Merle Irvine asked if the cost includes disposal. Rich stated that it includes a \$15 transportation cost. In response to questions by Kevin Martin, Rich explained some of the risks in the MOU. He stated that the complete MOU was available for review if anyone on the Committee was interested.
- Rich Owings stated that the Oregon City/CTRC mitigation fee has been set at \$.50/ton. A percentage of this fee will be in lieu of property taxes. The balance will be used for enhancement.

The new tonnage limit at CTRC is 1,200 tons for the summer and 1,000 through the winter. The totals are cumulative over a two year period.
- The Inventory Chapter is available for those interested.

- Merle Irvine asked for the status of the closure of the Killingsworth Fast Disposal site. Rich responded they are still looking at October/November 1988.

Briefing on the Results of the June 4th Policy Retreat

Dave Phillips presented overall observations about the Policy Retreat:

1. The decisions and agreements were made by the Council and Policy Committee. Staff only responded to questions.
2. It was beneficial to see Councilor Ragsdale and Rena Cusma working together.
3. All the issues were covered.

Privatization was the first priority. The statement was made that transfer stations may be public or private, subject to certain criteria.

Sebastian Degens asked how the transfer depots would fit into the system. Rich Owings stated that this is one of the points that needs to be clarified.

With regard to the Metro/local government responsibilities, local governments are responsible for collection and Metro is responsible for disposal. There are several grey areas between these responsibilities.

Dave Phillips explained that the policy makers also reached consensus on policies relating to waste reduction, regional versus subregional systems, low-grade waste, host fees/mitigation, and uniform versus variable rates.

Rich Owings explained that staff is currently drafting policies for the solid waste functional plan. These will be mailed out to the Policy Committee for review and feed back. This policy plan will replace the current COR-MET plan. It will be able to stand alone or be part of the total functional plan.

Status of Privatization, East Transfer Station

The resolution regarding privatization will be presented to the Council Solid Waste Committee on July 5 for consideration and will be presented to the full Council on July 14.

East Transfer Station policy is being adopted as part of the total policy plan.

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Other Business

The Environmental Quality Commission is holding hearings on yard debris rules on July 13-16. It would be a good idea for all interested parties to attend the hearings and testify if given the opportunity.

Next Meeting - July 29, 1988

The next meeting was confirmed for July 29, 1988. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.