



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, April 19, 2023**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **Olmsted County – 2122 Campus Drive SE**

Chairperson: **Molly Kjellsvig**

Note Keeper: **Scott Martin**

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellsvig
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:10	3. Set Joint Powers Board Agenda	All
10:15	4. Recycling Education Committee (REC) Update	Molly Kjellsvig
10:25	5. Association of Recycling Managers Update	Sharon Schriever
10:30	6. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
10:40	7. Member Updates	All Staff
11:20	8. Schedule Next Meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May ?• June 2 – Joint Powers Board• July 21 or 28• August 18 or 28	
	9. Adjourn	
	Tour Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
Meeting Held In Mower County
March 24, 2023**

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Tammie and 2nd by Paul. The motion passed at 10:10 a.m.

Director's Update:

- Recycling markets still stink
- OCC remains steady at \$42.50/ton
- LDI cutting cost, possibly no spotting trailers in the future
- SOP down
- Plastics took a big jump up
- Revues are down because 68% of OCC price per ton.
- LDI is looking at stopping spotting trailers because the trailer cost has increased.
- SEMREX tonnages are down 32% from what they were last year at this time.

SEMREX future discussion

- Waste wizard is a big benefit
- Great networking
- Regional group/ change dynamics to reduce cost
- Own marketing responsibility

No decisions or recommendations were made.

EPR Update

- Mattress being introduce
- Still no paint care contract
- No rules for clarity
- Lots of discussion on batteries/windmills/solar panels
- Fast evolving and more to come!

MPCA update

- 2021 score published
- Commercial data sent out
- Update hauler list

County Updates:

Dodge:

- New semi being delivered in May
- Preconstruction meeting for reuse building and construction starting any day
- Better future of Minnesota helping with staff member
- Bonding bill for new transfer station building
- Attending dodge county Expo

Rice:

- Compactor broke down
- Renting d8 dozer
- Landfill is picking up
- Taylor is new environmental tech
- Leachate being sent out and treated
- Lot of garbage pick up to do
- Demcon is going good job picking up recycling
- HHW is picking up
- Still waiting on skid steer

Olmsted:

- NEW Skid loader arrived!
- Looking into new forklift/ sitting good on equipment
- Picking out Reuse items for social services 1300 lbs. so far
- Scott will send a reuse document
- Looking for bonding money

Mower:

- Reviewing forklift quotes \$10000 more than last year
- 2 new solid waste haulers
- Working on score report
- Recycling center addition still in the planning progress
- Solid waste plan will be sent to be reviewed by mpca
- Shipped whole loads of tin and aluminum through SEMREX

Blue Earth

- New landfill position being posted
- Working on SCORE..
- New Landfill Supervisor is hired by the name of Jason Stephen.
- County will take over all operation of Landfill in the end of April this year.
- Department restructure
- Sheet plastic very problematic being sent to lake mills
- HHW opens April 4th
- Styrofoam collection even

Waseca:

- Customer not being nice to county workers and got physical
- Another customer doing house clean out disposed of items causing a thermal event
- Cleaning up everything after snow melt
- Doing a driveway remodel
- Working on score
- HHW opens in May
- Reuse event with public health

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting was set for April 21st with possible LDI tour.

Motion to End Meeting: Motion by Paul, 2nd by Tammie. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:56a.

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
On-line MS Teams Meeting
February 27, 2023**

Present: Paul Piper, Rice County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Molly Kjellsvig, Blue Earth County, Marcus Thompson, Mower County; Katie Barden, Steele County; Tammie Bramer, Waseca County; and Ben Crowell, MPCA,

Call Meeting To Order: Chair Molly Kjellsvig called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Tammie and 2nd by Paul. The motion passed at 10:04 a.m.

Director's Update:

- -Recycling markets are still tight.
- -OCC remains steady at \$42.50/ton with limited loads going out per month. We are able to get a few extra OCC loads out.
- -Mixed Paper is up.
- -Old New Paper is up to \$73/ton.
- -Plastics are holding steady.
- -Revues are down because of OCC price per ton.
- -LDI is looking at stopping spotting trailer because of trailer cost has increased.

- SEMREX tonnages are down 32% for what they were last year at this time.

MPCA Update:

- -Increase in SCORE funding from Solid Waste Tax is a possibility this year because of State's surplus in the budget.
- -SCORE 2021 data results ready to be posted.

County Updates:

Olmsted:

- -HHW Contracts are out to be approved.
- -PaintCare agreement is not completed yet.
- -Electronics, Mattresses, and PPP is being looked at again at the State level.
- -Still waiting on new Skid Loader for Recycling/Transfer Center. About a year behind it receiving the equipment.
- -Working on new "Sharps" agreement for Olmsted County.

Waseca:

- -Having issues with replacing skid loaders. Apparently, BobCat does not have or is not make new wheeled skid loaders.
- -Will be having 3 staff go through HHW refresher in March.
- -Getting ready to reopen HHW for the 2023 season in May.
- -Working on New Compost area.

Steele:

- Landfill is filling an operator position, which has been unfilled for some time now.
- -Working on 2022 SCORE report.
- -RFP for Recycling Contract was awarded to Thompson Sanitation.

Mower:

- -Operations are going well.
 - Architectural company has been approved to work on plans for an addition to Recycling/HHW facility.
- -Working on SCORE report.
- -HHW is slower than normal.
- -Used Facebook to run ads for Recycling info. Worked great. Plan on using again, but with some changes to setup.

Rice:

- -Switched recycling processing facility at the first of the year to DEMCON out of Shakopee. Has been working great so far.
- -Waiting on skid loader also. Only 2 months behind on delivery so far.
- -Dealing with the weather and snow storms.
- -Construction on new scale house, scale, and gate/entrance is ongoing.
- -Working on SCORE. We do now have some help since we hired Amanda Nordstrom new "Office Administrator"

Blue Earth

- -Working on SCORE.
- -HHW is finishing up winter hour and will be closed a month before reopening for normal Spring, Summer, and Fall schedule.
- -Dave is now fully retired.
- -New Landfill Supervisor is hired by the name of Jason Stephen.
- -County will take over all operation of Landfill in the end of April this year.

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting was set for March 24th place to be assigned.

Motion to End Meeting: Motion by Paul, 2nd by Tammie. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:44a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Paul Pieper

Molly Kjellesvig, Acting Chair