



SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA RECYCLERS' EXCHANGE

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SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting

Friday, August 11, 2017


10:00 a.m.


Public Works/Environmental Resources Conference Room


2122 Campus Drive SE -Suite 200


Rochester, MN 55021


AGENDA


-  10:00 Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes

-  10:05 Director's Update – Sharon Schriever

-  10:20 Regional Planning Discussion – All
 - Next Steps

-  10:50 MPCA Updates

-  11:00 Member Updates – All

-  12:00 Adjourn

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon

SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
Rice County
July 14, 2017

Present: Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Paul Piper, Rice County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Jean Lundquist, Blue Earth County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn; Georgette Hanson, Waseca County; Anna Kerr, MPCA; and Ben Crowell, MPCA,.

Call Meeting To Order & Approve Minutes: Chair Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Motion to approve minutes by Jean Lundquist and 2nd by Georgette Hanson. Motion passed.

Director's Update: The six month (Jan. –June) materials shipped was down 358 ton from this time last year, but marketing revenue was only down \$153 from last year's same period. Over all SEMREX budget is fine.

OCC is up \$15/ton for July, but LDI cannot guarantee offering \$10 over the Chicago market price in the future.

China's National Sword program is in place, which is slowing down recycling shipments. China is also looking at putting a complete ban on imports of some or all solid waste items in the future.

Regional Planning Discussion: Members discussed options for SEMREX developing a Regional Solid Waste Plan and the implementation of such plan. The following were the three key steps that was agreed upon to move forward with the process.

1. Develop Resolution to bring to each of the individual member's units of Government Board for approval. This resolution would be asking the board's approval to have SEMREX go forward to develop a plan.
2. Once there is county/city approval, an implementation date will be set. The two tentative dates that were discussed are a June 2021 or 2022.
3. Develop Time line for creation of plan, submitting to Governmental bodies for approval, and implantation of plan.

Sharon Schriever, Ben Crowell, and Anna Kerr will meet next week to come up with resolution wording.

MPCA Update: Anna Kerr went over MPCA updates. Greater MN Recycling Grants will be out in early Fall. There will be 2 million dollars over the next 2 years available for these grants.

County Updates:

Blue Earth: Fire at the landfill is now believed to be out area of fire continues to be monitored. The Blue Earth Sheriff Department added 2 new lock boxes for pharmaceuticals/drugs to enhance the ongoing program.

Waseca: Recycling Center is fully staffed and facility is busy.

Freeborn: Freeborn County is looking for a new county Administrator, and a Planning & Zoning Director. Work continues on getting a permanent site for HHW and getting away from event collections. HHW collections are continuing, but volunteers are harder to find, which make the one day collections challenging.

Rice: Landfill expansion project is going forward with the bid opening happening on Friday, July 21st and the awarding of job on Tuesday July 25th. Building expansion/upgrade to Recycling Center is moving forward, but no time line at this time. Rice County will not be conducting any one day electronics/appliance collections this year. County is going to try to use a voucher system in which vouchers will be given out at the County Fair and possible tax statements next year.

Olmsted: County is seeing an increase in industrial waste this year so far. Transfer and Recycling facilities continue to be busy with an increase in electronics coming to their facilities for recycling. Cause of electronics increase at the county facility is most likely due to Best Buys change in electronics take-back policy.

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting was set for August 11th at Olmsted County.

Motion to End Meeting: Motion by Georgette, 2nd by Mark. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Paul Pieper

Scott Martin, Chair