



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, January 27, 2023**

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

Location: **Team Meeting**

Chairperson: **Molly Kjellsvig**

Note Keeper: **TBD**

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellsvig
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:20	3. MPCA Update	Ben Crowell
10:30	4. Member Updates	All Staff
11:25	5. Next Meeting	
11:30	6. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

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Hybrid Meeting – Freeborn County and on Teams

Present: Tammie Bramer-Waseca County; Rita Cole-Dodge County; Jeff Schneider-City of Redwing; Sharon Schriever-SEMREX, Molly Kjellsvig-Blue Earth, Ben Crowell-MPCA, Scott Martin-Olmsted County, Marcus Thompson-Mower County

Molly Kjellsvig called the meeting to order at 10:09am. Rita Cole made a motion to approve the January minutes, seconded by Marcus Thompson.

Directors Updates:

Waste Wizard - Discussion on whether more members need to be administrators. It seem that the current format is fine. Molly Kjellsvig noted that she had been getting errors when she tried to look at the dashboard; they have to refresh a lot.

Lithium-Ion Batteries >300 Watt Hour-

Martin reported recent information Lithium-Ion batteries over 300 watts. Call to Recycle does not accept them. There are problems with transportation and storage. Would like to see Call to Recycle take all batteries we should all discuss how we store or ship those batteries as they are a cause for most fires. These batteries are found on electric mowers and chainsaws,

MPCA Updates: Grants were applied for by Olmsted and Red Wing, Olmsted County Solid Waste Plan was approved, Call and talk to Jeanie Givens for EPA grants letters of support.

Member Updates:

Olmsted:

Running into supply chain issues. The skid loader ordered is about a year out. Still shipping loads and working on HHW contracts, Paintcare, and Product stewardship agreements are being revised. Everyone should read the legislation being presented as the cost of electronics, mattresses, and PPP is to fall on Counties for disposal or recycling.

Freeborn: Finishing up on permitting Solid Waste Haulers and Facilities, gathering information for SCORE

Red Wing: Fines in RDF, drop of 446 tons per month, 32,000 per mo. gain, Haulers vs designation, decrease in MSW tons from 3300 to 2700 tons, Excel will be shut down Feb 12th, and more tons will be going to Olmsted.

Waseca: Applied for a Compost site grant

Rice: Supply issues continue as Skid they ordered is a year out, new tech started as well as a new scale attendant, weather has not been favorable, and pretty much done with the snow, Demcon has been good to work with, In December they had some dynamite come in so bomb squad came down to handle

Mower: Things are going good

Dodge: Looking for bond \$ for new Transfer Station building.

Blue Earth: HHW closing for a month, collected 1700lbs of Christmas lights, running out of airspace at the landfill, they permitted 21 haulers, the County is going to take over management of the landfill, Dave Kromwell Solid Waste Director is getting set to retire.

Next Meeting at Rice County on February 24th.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15pm by Paul and seconded by Scott