



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: January 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Mower County Highway
1105 8th Avenue NE - Austin, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Jeff Weaver

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Sharon Schriever
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:15	3. Regional Waste Wizard Demo	Sharon Schriever
	-Discussion -	All
10:45	4. REC -Statewide Education Update	Sharon Schriever
11:00	5. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:10	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Other/Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting
Friday November 30th, 2018
Freeborn County – Government Center

Members present: Dave Kronlokken and Molly Kjellesvig, Blue Earth; Georgette Hanson, Waseca; Jeff Weaver, Mower; Rita Cole, Dodge; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Scott Martin, Olmstad; Paul Pieper, Rice; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn; Katie Barden, Steele; Ben Crowell, MPCA

Call Meeting to order & minutes: Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Minutes from October 26th, 2018 meeting approved as written. Motion by Jeff Weaver, 2nd by Paul Pieper, motion carried.

Director's Update: Sharon distributed the November 2018 Market Updates. Markets are flat and glass movement is tough. We had a conversation about Wayne from MPCA and the use of glass as an aggregate and/or other possibilities. Sharon made a recommendation that a marketing fee of \$0 or below should represent \$0 so it doesn't cost SEMREX. Motion by Jeff Weaver 2nd by Rita Cole. Recommend approval of Professional Services of \$54,450 for 2019 and Fiscal Management for 2019 at \$3,000. Motion by Paul Pieper 2nd by Georgette Hanson (Approval of Fiscal Management Agreement for \$3,000 was motioned by Paul and 2nd by Rita in October). Regional Plan will be put off to 2019 for lack of funding, and potential change in due dates by the MPCA. Discussion about Waste Wizard program through Recollect that is used in Olmsted County at a rate of \$3,000 per year. Explore possibilities of adding other Counties for a regional tool. An app is also available.

MPCA Update: Ben Crowell opened the conversation about contamination in the recycling stream. He also discussed Recycle Rate in terms of Solid Waste to Recycling and Capture Rate in terms of recycling actually being recycled. We may see a link from Ben on Tableau put together by Barbra.

Members Updates:

Blue Earth: Plan to meet with Waste Management to discuss recycling education. All Cities in Blue Earth County have organized waste collection. May try a smaller DRP evaporator on leachate pond. They are using spray on alternative cover. Getting camera system for HHW and will be accepting HHW this winter by appointment only. They bought shredder for paper and will be do non-certified shredding out at the Landfill. They will also be collecting Electronics at \$5 per unit for the first 5 units per day.

Rice County: Busy at HHW and the Landfill. Construction on the recycling transfer building will go through December. Building will make top loading semi-trailers easier. They have a contract with Dick's for the recycling. Faribault has an open market for msw but they must also collect recycling. Rice is going to start fining recycling loads in landfill. Rice is seeing a lot of occ in recycling. Rice is in the process of hiring an Environmental Tech. The Tech will work in HHW and conduct different test/sampling. Rice has sent of a lot of batteries.

Steele County: Hiring operator at the Landfill. Working on the Recycling Calendar which is printed and distributed to every home in Steele County, Church Offset printing will be printing and mailing. Looking for different ideas for brochure and getting the message out. Steele will be issuing 12 Solid Waste License.

Olmsted County: HHW is slowing down. Olmsted replaced sodium bulbs with LEDs throughout the Recycling center. They will putting in a second Cost Center. Olmsted are exceeding expectations on 2018 Budget. Olmsted is hiring an Environmental Service Director. Olmsted plans to cut off out of County waste,

contract with Dodge County will continue. Planning for 2019 includes a self-haul transfer station. No plans at this time to expand the existing Waste to Energy Facility, additional MSW Combustor cost is around 100 million dollars.

Freeborn County: Recycling average is down about 2 tons per month. I-90 recycling is done and being sold off. I-90 reprocessing will continue to accept plastic twine. Hometown Sanitation is collecting from Industry which is filling the gap.

Mower County: Mower County is waiting on new conveyor for the MRF. Recycling volumes are up. HHW number of customers are down 10% while the volumes are up 10%.

Dodge County: Dodge is sending the message of "No Plastic Bags in Recycling" in flyers being sent out. Dodge will follow up the 2 flyer campaign with an article in local press. Dodge is being cautioned of a possible \$150 per ton contamination penalty. MSW and Recycling volumes are up.

Waseca County: Waseca County awarded bid of trash hauling to Thompson Sanitation after years with Waste Management. The MRF is experiencing equipment issues, mainly froze up baler from getting a lot of snow in the OCC loads. Ivagene is retiring February of 2019 so they will be looking to hire a HHW technician.

Next meeting will be December JPB in Dodge. Dates for next possible tech meeting Dec. 18th or 25th. Dave made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Submitted by,

Mark Goskeson