



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange

Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, March 26, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: New HHW building at 2020 Pioneer Trail, Albert Lea

Chairperson: Molly Kjellesvig

Note Keeper: Mark Goskeson

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call Technical Committee Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellsevig
10:05	2. Marketing Update	Sharon Schriever
10:10	3. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:30	4. MPCA Updates	Ben Crowell
10:40	5. Member Updates	All
11:40	6. Set Next Meeting	All
11:45	7. Adjourn	
	8. Tour of Freeborn County HHW Facility	Mark Goskeson

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 26, 2021

Members present via Teams; Molly Kjellesvig, Blue Earth County, Rita Cole, Dodge County, Tammy Bramer, Waseca County, Katie Barden, Steele County, Jeff Weaver and Marcus Thompson, Mower County, Paul Pieper, Rice County, Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County, Sharon Schriever, SEMREX Director

Molly called the SEMREX meeting to order at 10:02 AM, asked if everyone had a chance to look at the minutes and whether there needed to be any changes made, Rita requested a change noting that the Skjeveland Enterprises SW license had been approved after some non-compliance issues had been resolved at their facility. Molly asked for a motion to approve with changes. Jeff W made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rita, motion passed by roll call.

Molly deferred to Sharon for the Marketing Report.

Weather has been a struggle all over the nation. We are seeing some price shifts that have been attributed to the weather. One such material is Tin. Tin dropped by \$40 per ton but is projected to make a rebound once building takes off in the Spring.

Fibers: OCC continues its slow climb adding \$5. SOP went up \$10/ton. SEMREX continues to have a steady market for our MP/ONP products.

Metals: Tin cans lost most of its gains from last month, dropping by \$40/ton. UBC increased by \$.02/lb. Plastics reimbursement for SEMREX went up again for February, an increase of \$10/ton.

Molly deferred to Sharon for the Directors update.

SEMREX shipped 429 tons of recyclable materials in January 2021 and 362 tons in the same month of 2020. This is an increase of 18% and sets a great precedent for the new year. Total revenue was \$35,134.45 for January 2021 and \$17,220.15 for the same month a year ago, that is a little more than a 104 percent increase! Very impressive! Welcome back Red Wing and Waseca!

Sharon then told the group briefly about a link to a graphics toolbox from Recycling Education Committee. Sharon also brought attention to a new product that is being marketed as recyclable but is not - Hefty Recycling Bag. Sharon also noted that the Regional Planning Grant has been submitted and in the running. Should hear something by mid-late April.

MPCA Update

Ben was not able to attend the meeting. Sharon did bring up that applications are open for a Green Corps workers if interested. There are also grants available for market development and expanding recycling.

Member Updates-

Freeborn County: Mark told us that his work with Waste Management ended with them signing the original contract. Back to rebate program. The new facility is getting close to completion. They haven't started the reports but will get to them soon.

Waseca County: Tammie reported that Waseca is doing well. They are working on a composting grant to move and improve composting. A new employee has been hired to cover her old position. Cardboard is coming in cleaner.

Mower County: Jeff was joined at the meeting with his replacement, Marcus Thompson. Marcus will have a month to follow Jeff around. Jeff mentioned that there is quite a lot of information to retain and that he may be available for consulting after the required. They are currently working on the SCORE report, HHW report and Facility report.

Steele County: Katie told the group that she is still working on the SCORE report. She is also considering looking into new signage.

Dodge County: Rita noted that they are in the middle of a retrofit for the recycling center. Re-tinning the inside and doing a new air exchanger unit and roof. Not much else is new this month.

Olmsted County: Scott was not present to report

Rice County: Paul was having technical struggles for the meeting. Gave the thumbs up for his report.

Blue Earth County: Molly reported that HHW will be opening in April. The Reuse Center will be open by appointment only. Molly also reported that Mankato Zero Waste is working on the Greater MN compost grant. Trex is putting out bins for plastic film that will be made into decking. Blue Earth County will not be involved. Blue Earth received a letter from Waste Management ending their contract. BE is working on a one-year contract. Waste Management wants to be able to charge back for contamination. Molly asked Sharon how that conversation ended up in Olmsted County. Sharon reported that Olmsted County Commissioners did not approve that and asked for more education before that

The next meeting was set for March 26th.

Molly called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was made by Paul and seconded by Katie, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Heim
