



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, March 24, 2023**

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

Location: **Mower County -**

Chairperson: **Molly Kjellsvig**

Note Keeper: **Marcus Thompson**

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. Marketing Discussion/SEMREX Future	All
10:25	4. Updates EPR	All
10:35	5. Updates on Batteries	All
10:45	6. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
10:55	7. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	8. Next Meeting & Date for LDI Tour	
12:00	9. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

**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