



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange

Technical Committee Meeting

Date: September 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Location: Olmsted County Environmental Resources Department-
2122 Conference Room**

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper:

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 Planning Update	Sharon Schriever
10:25	4. Budget/Projections/JPB Agenda Discussion	Sharon Schriever/All
10:45	5. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:40	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Other/Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
Rice County
August 31, 2018**

Present: Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Paul Piper, Rice County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Mark Goskeson Freeborn; Dave Kronlokken, Blue Earth; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; and Ben Crowell, MPCA,.

Call Meeting To Order & Approve Minutes: Chair Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Motion to approve minutes by and 2nd by Mark Goskeson. Motion passed.

Director's Update: Recycling markets are down across the board.

There are big issues with getting rid of box board and mixed paper. Olmsted County Recycling Center will stop accepting box board since they are having a hard time finding companies who will accept it..

So far in 2018 SEMREX tonnage is down 4% with a decrease in revenue of 35%.

Changes in Recycling/Recycling Guide: Sharon sent out draft for counties to look over on the Recycling Outreach Guide. Discussion of Draft. After going over and discussing the draft, the tech committee consensus is that the draft could be problematic as a document to identify the exact recycling materials for every program, but should be useful for programs to see what materials are and are not being collected and give counties/cities a guide to what are some of the basic possibilities for items to collect and dispose of..

Regional Planning Discussion: Goals for Regional Planning were to be completed today. Moving forward with Regional Planning with the idea to go to the next phase by December of this year.

MPCA Update: Grant awards are out. Redwing was awarded for single sort recycling.

County Updates:

Blue Earth: County is reviewing the Solid Waste processes of County/Recycling Contracts with Waste Management for the Recycling Center operations. County Household Hazardous Waste facility is installing cameras and is looking at having limited winter collection times this next year. Blue Earth County is also looking at changing how Business Hazardous Waste is collected and charged to County businesses. With the County run shredding events being very popular, County is looking at purchasing their own paper shredder and offering that service at the Landfill.

Rice: Construction of new Recycling Transfer building is going on. Although construction started late, it is still scheduled to be completed on time. New frontend loader will be delivered next week to replace the current recycling loader. New loader is a CAT 926M, which is replacing a Volvo L45.

Olmsted: With the Recycling markets getting tighter County Recycling Center is going to stop accepting boxboard. County is in the process of looking for a new Environmental Director. Evirolastech located in St. Charles has filed for bankruptcy. Getting ready for the fall rush.

Mower: Nothing new and just getting ready for fall rush.

Dodge: Garbage drop off is up and running. Putting up Cameras and new fencing around drop off area. County is also expanding compost pad. Getting ready for fall.

Freeborn: Having issues with illegal drop and burn sites. There are 3 on going sites the County is working on with the MPCA, DNR, and Sheriff's Department, but still an ongoing issue. Wrapping up the Hazardous Waste Season.

City of Redwing: City and County now have contracts to have all MSW go to the Redwing Facility! Bids will be going out for the rebuilding of the Recycling building and hopefully with expansion to it. With the MSW coming in facility is looking at setting up contracts for garbage with contracted prices and non-contracted prices.

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting was set for September 12³¹st at Olmsted County.

Motion to End Meeting: Motion by Jeff W., 2nd by Jeff S. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Paul Pieper

Scott Martin, Chair