



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: August 31, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Rice County Government Services Building

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Paul Pieper

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. Changes in Recycling	Sharon Schriever
10:25	4. Regional Planning Update	Sharon Schriever
10:30	5. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
10:40	6. County Updates	All Staff
11:40	7. Overview of Rice County Facility Upgrades	Paul Pieper
11:55	8. Other/Next Meeting	All Staff
12:00	9. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Meeting Minutes- Steele County

Technical Committee Meeting

"All Good"
Minutes 7/27/2018

Present: Georgette Hanson, Waseca County; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Ben Crowell, MPCA; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Katie Barden, Steele County

Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:16.

Motion by Georgette Hanson, seconded by Jeff Weaver to approve the minutes. Ayes all.

Directors Updates:

Sharon handed out July's newsletter. Revenues collected through June 30th are down. Total 2018 tons are still down 10 percent and revenue are down 35 percent compared to the first half of last year. Market prices: Old Magazines/ Mixed Paper & Colored Glass not moving. Old Corrugated/Old Newspaper \$75/ton & Clear Glass \$70/ton. Anchor is still taking clear glass. Colored glass is on hold due to the situation at Envirolastech. Sharon attended and shared information from the Haulers meeting and the REC (Recycling Education Committee) meeting.

Product Stewardship Updates:

Scott reported on the recent survey that was sent out, waiting for results to refine wording etc. for finalizing.

MPCA Updates:

Greater MN Grants were awarded. City of Red Wing was awarded funds for single sorting along with Pipe Stone.

County Updates:

- **Freeborn:** "All Good." Mark hosted an annual collection event at the fairgrounds. New fair board/ fair ownership caused some havoc among the lack of volunteers for the even. Sentence to Serve was unable to help. Four workers total. Also dealing with a resident who is newly out of prison, starting his own trailer dismantling and illegally burning. Sheriffs have refused to go, leaving Mark to deal with the lawyers and homeowner. Budgeting for a new gr
- **Steele:** Toured the landfill and HW facility this week with Bruce Holland. Running smoothly, one retiring at the end of the year; has worked at the landfill for 20 years. New Cat loader coming next week. Attended the Multi-County meeting, which was also held in Steele County.
- **Dodge:** Started budget for 2019. New compacter up and running, as of July 1st. 23 customers, pin code access to a secure building with a transfer station, open 24/7. Green bags 40gal for \$3.50 each. Compactor is being leased, its electric with a 30 second cycle. Hearing lots of interest from the community, target consumer would be self-haulers, rural and those who use burn barrels.
- **Waseca:** Approved budget for 2019. Looking for a shared employee with Hwy Dept. Sold E-Waste. Business down, but road work is finally done. Starting to work with 1st State Tire out of Isanti, MN for

tire grinding. Tire price is \$2.75 per ton. A Nokomis solar garden was approved and will be starting ground work soon. They plan to lease 5-7 acers. No longer accepting out of county items.

- **Mower:** Starting 2019 budget. Auditors have questioned materials exchange. HW busy, with Jeff on vacation last week. Has good luck with no one dropping off while being closed. Lots of the portable bins being used among residents this summer.
- **Olmsted:** Starting budget for 2019. Budgeting for a new recycling truck, skid loader and a new electric fork lift. Keeping old ones for back-up. Got cameras for the recycling building. Adding one more staff member, 6 employees in the summer and 5 in the winter. John is done and is now running for County Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01, motioned by Rita and seconded by Georgette.

Next meeting to be determined. August 24th or 31st.