



SEMREX JOINT POWERS BOARD (JPB) MEETING

Friday, August 7, 2020

Conference Room B

Government Services Building (not the courthouse)

721 Main Street North (on the west side of Highway 57)

Mantorville, MN

Or Via Skype Meeting/Phone (link to be provided here prior to the meeting)

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9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

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| 9:15-9:30 | Check in – Test Equipment |
| 9:30 | Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call and Introductions |
| 9:35 | Approve June 2019 Minutes |
| 9:40 | Approve COVID-19 Meeting Resolution |
| 9:45 | Director’s Update – Sharon Schriever, SEMREX <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market Report• Audit Report• Budget Report• Glass Marketing Fees• SEMREX Future Planning• Tri-County Membership |
| 10:15 | Regional Planning Discussion |
| 10:30 | MPCA and Legislative Update |
| 10:45 | Member Update Report Questions/Discussion-All |
| 11:00 | Set Next Meeting |
| 11:05 | Adjourn |

**SEMREX Joint Powers Board Meeting
Dodge County Government Services Building
December 6, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Jake Gillen, Rice County Commissioner; Paul Peiper, Rice County; Ben Crowell, MPCA; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; Mike Ankeny, Mower County Commissioner; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Mike Lee, Freeborn County Commissioner; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Mark Gamm, Dodge County; Dave Kenworthy, Dodge County Commissioner; Georgette Hanson, Waseca County; Tony Hill, Olmsted County; Jeff Schneider, City of Red Wing; Dean Hove, Red Wing City Council; Molly Kjellesvig, Blue Earth County; Mark Piepho, Blue Earth County Commissioner; Katie Barden, Steele County; John Glynn, Steele County Commissioner .

Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes: Jake Gillen, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Motion to approve minutes by Mike Ankeny and 2nd by Dean Hove. Motion passed.

Director's Update:

Sharon passed out the Conflict of Interest sheets to be signed for 2020. SEMREX tons are down 26% compared to 2018. Revenues are down 48.7% from same period last year. Expect tonnage to be better next year with Red Wing and Waseca back online. OCC was down about 1400 tons. Mentioned market development that will be discussed later in the meeting. Baker Tilly is doing an audit for 2017-2018. Should not need an audit for the next 5 years. The cost of this audit is \$8100. Noted that staff and commissioners may receive phone calls from auditors soon.

Waste Wizard – Dodge, Rice and Blue Earth Counties are online. Mower is ready to put on their website and Red Wing is in the process at ReCollect. With ReCollect new staff, it is taking a little longer.

Tri-County Discussion – LeSeuer, Nicollet and Sibley County have inquired about becoming SEMREX members. Nicollet and LeSeuer more likely to join than Sibley. Things for us to consider are what they are looking for in the membership (Waste Wizard?), figuring out if they would join as 1 entity or each county join separately. This would make a difference in our quorum and fees. It was discussed by commissioners that if 2 out of 3 counties want to join then they should join as 1 entity, if only 1 county wants to join they could join by themselves. Dean Hove stated we need to see how their Joint Powers Board is structured, if it will allow it. Mike Ankeny proposed that they should commit to a 3-year membership since we have a 3 year contract with Waste Wizard. If all three counties joined it would not change our fee to Waste Wizard. Mike Lee and Dave Kenworthy agree that they should join as 1 entity with 1 vote.

Olmsted County proposed a 2-year contract for the Professional Services Agreement – it is all the same but in review of staff time the 2020 price would go down by \$3000 and then go up \$2,000 in 2021. Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement by John Glynn with a 2nd by David Kenworthy. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Agent Agreement was also proposed as a 2-year contract. Fee would remain the same at \$3,000 per year. Motion to approve the Fiscal Agent Agreement: Mike Lee with 2nd by Mike Ankeny. Motion passed.

MPCA Staff/Ben Crowell – Market Report

Forecast investments are being made but will not show much for changes for another 1-2 years. There are a couple local projects – foam glass to be used for road base and Green Forest Mixed Paper in Waseca.

Money available- \$800,000 for projects/investments that provide increased value/higher value product from recycled material. RFP: February 2020 \$400,000 and 2nd round in July 2020 \$400,000.

Sharon shared that there are markets looking for glass and mixed paper. A couple of mills that were shuttered are reopening. One is in Barron, WI the other in Ohio. Strategic Materials claims that MN glass is much cleaner than the glass they receive at their southern US facilities.

Mark Goskeson asked MPCA about SCORE funding. It will now require grant agreements. A sample agreement was sent out with the 1st half payment of 2020. This will be amended and sent for signatures to the counties in January for the April payment and then in September for the 2021 FY.

Budget – Sharon explained the information sheet provided. Currently on a cash basis – this will be changing to accrual for 2020. There is \$94,000 + in cash reserves. Proposed use of reserves this year is \$16,000 to \$20,000 deficit. With everyone coming back online – next year should be better. Also, we will not have audit costs and less cost for Professional Services agreement. Motion to accept the 2020 SEMREX budget by Dave Kenworthy and 2nd by John Glynn. Motion passed.

MPCA Update:

The Greater MN Recycling Grants are fully funded again this year. RFP hopefully available January/February. Max of \$250,000 per project- minimum 100-150,000. No capital for buildings from this grant but some equipment allowed.

County Updates- Additional comments:

Blue Earth County promotion of Waste Wizard included radio ads, news releases and social media.

Jeff Schneider stated that yesterday was the 1st day the RDF system was online. It should process 25 tons per hour and from 40-60,000 tons per year. He offered a tour after it is functioning the way they like.

Katie – Steele County has the calendar/ mailing capability through Waste Wizard so they are getting that ready.

Paul – Rice Co. had a shed reinforced from storms this summer. They have a display for correct battery management – recommend to bring them all to the HHW.

Georgette – Waseca Co. Currently tearing down old beams and concrete to make room for the new. Got a new 40 x 64 cold storage area to house commodities until shipped.

Mark – Dodge Co. Plans for closing the demolition landfill probably in 2022. Looking to collaborate and ask SEMREX about options for recycling/sorting demolition.

Mark – Freeborn Co. In response to Dodge Co – mentioned deconstruction would be a better option than sorting at the TS site, however, there will need to be incentives to make it worthwhile for those companies.

Next Meeting:

Next Regular JPB Meeting is set for Friday June 5, 2020 in Red Wing with a tour following.

Motion to adjourn by John Glynn, second by Mark Piepho.

Adjourned meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Submitted by: Rita Cole