



# Agenda

## Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

**Date: September 20, 2019**

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

**Location: 1105 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Austin, MN (next to the Recycling Center)**

**Chairperson: Scott Martin**

**Note Keeper: Jeff Weaver**

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. Waste Wizard Update	Sharon Schriever
10:25	4. What's Going on With Ag Plastic in Your County?	All
10:35	5. MPCA Update	Ben Crowell
10:55	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

### Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

# SEMREX Meeting Minutes- Freeborn County

## Technical Committee Meeting

### 8/30/2019

**Present:** Rita Cole, Dodge County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Ben Crowell, MPCA; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Molly Kjellesvig; Blue Earth, Jacob Wagaman; Rice County, Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Katie Barden, Steele County.

Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Motion by Jeff Weaver, seconded by Molly Kjellesvig to approve the minutes. Ayes all.

**Directors Updates:** Tin gained \$20 per ton. Mower is awesome. SEMREX shipped 593 tons in July as compared to 489 tons in June. Total tons for the first seven months of 2019 were 3,313. This is down 1,050 from the same period in 2018 or 24%.

Total revenue was \$252,432 through July. This is down 46% percent compared to the same period last year.

**Budget Report:** -We are operating within budget (using reserves). Revenue is -\$3,420 compared to expenses at this time. Tons are down along with the revenue. Waseca should be going again soon and this will help bring in money as many haulers were turned away because of the Waseca building loss.

**Waste Wizard:** Decision on Logo to be dark blue hat, bold font and recycling symbols on hat. First wave release to start early Sept.

**Statewide Recycling Calendar:** There will be a calendar with recommended recycling messages coming out to keep a consistent message statewide. Discussion on REC activities.

**MPCA Updates:** Reminder of SWAA annual conference September 25-27, 2019 in Baxter, MN, Lyon County may drop curbside recycling program, currently residents pay around \$3 per month.

#### County Updates:

- **Mower:** HHW volume is up this year from last, seeing raising cost to programs, looking for options for event recycling containers.
- **Dodge:** The area received large amounts of hail damage. They are running a campaign message of no plastic bags. Manorville is looking to help get the recycling message out. Dodge County is hoping this will keep program costs down.
- **Freeborn:** Blended market value down to \$37.05 - lowest yet. WM saying next contract will cost 3 times more. Freeborn message is when in doubt throw it out. HHW volumes seem to be up.
- **Blue Earth:** MWPC has doubled its cost so the Landfill is very busy with public. Blue Earth will be sponsoring the river cleanup.
- **Steele:** HHW closing Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Steele receives calls for many different reuse and recycling options. One example, a person called with several trophy's and they were able to reuse for different event.

Recycling cost is around \$4 per unit per month, bought some containers through community connection for the Admin building.

- **Rice:** New electric pallet jack! HHW volume is up. Cell liner going in next week. Recycling education trailer was used at the fair. Rice will host the CISSR meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Transfer building is now done. They may be getting several fiberglass blades from wind farm generators. They are estimating the cost at \$5,000 per blade. They are concerned with lead in the tip of each blade.
- **Olmsted:** HHW has been very busy along with Demo and Trash. In the process of buying a new skid-loader, box truck and forklift for their facility. Looking into its waste abatement programs. Looking to potentially build new MRF/fuel cleaning and Self haul building.

**Regional Planning:** 2022 solid waste plan is due for Dodge, Freeborn, Mower, Steele, Olmsted. Those members are still interested in joint planning but need money to do so. MPCA does not have money for solid waste planning at this time. There may be Fall grants for processing recycled materials.

Next meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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