



# Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange

**Technical Committee Meeting** 

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: Highway Shop - 1495 5th St SE - Waseca Chairperson: Molly Kjellesvig Note Keeper: Tammie Bramer

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call Technical Committee Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellesvig
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:15	3. Discuss Joint Powers Board Agenda	All
10:25	4. MPCA Updates – PFAS Guidance	MPCA
10:30	5. Member Updates	All
11:30	6. Next Meeting	
11:35	7. Overview of Lake Clean Up project	Tammie Bramer/Jim Kollar
11:55	8. Adjourn	

## Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

# SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting March 25, 2022

### Minutes

The meeting was held at Mower County Public Works:

**Present:** Sharon Schriever SEMREX, Ben Crowell, Mark Goskenson, Marcus Thompson, Scott Martin, Molly Kjellesvig, Rita Cole, Tammie Bramer, Paul Pieper, Jacob Waganen

Molly called the meeting to order at 10:01 Tammie made the motion to approve the minutes and Paul seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.

**Directors update:** Tin is \$320 a ton, fiber prices for March were flat with the exception of SOP is up another \$20 per ton. Aluminum is moving up. Plastics remained the same at \$140. The new Marketing fee structure for OCC was approved at the December joint Powers Board meeting. The Joint Powers Board will talk about UBC percentage options at the next meeting. A new plastic facility is being built in Iowa and Alberta Canada hopefully will help strengthen the plastic market.

**MPCA** – Ben Crowell –Score Reporting is due April 1<sub>st</sub>. Sent out Box store numbers March 25<sup>th</sup>. SCORE guidance is posted on the web, along with 2020 score reports. An invitation was sent out to discuss reduction and reuse.

#### Member updates:

**Rice**: Doing a lot of litter pick up, supposedly with the windiest winter ever. Not much has changed other than OCC numbers have declined. Dicks wants more rebate money. Garbage numbers are up. Starting to look into options on a new scale house and replacing a skid steer.

**Olmsted**: Recycling Center hired a new Material Handler. New radios and skid steer. Working on 10-year SW plan, SCORE report, and training are completed. Looking at options on how to regulate junk haulers.

**Mower**: New forklift and ride-on sweeper set to be delivered in April. New environmental tech will be starting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Solid Waste Committee will be getting together to review the point system on the recycling assessments.

**Freeborn:** HHW facility is up and running; Teresa is going to stop by on April 6<sup>th</sup>. They have been dealing with a lot of illegal dumping. A bunch of awesome taxidermy animals were dropped off from Elmar state Park. Looking at charging \$10 across the board for E-waste.

**Waseca**: STS workers picking up trash, taking advantage of the nice weather. Loader is broken down, looking at least a week to get it fixed. HHW staff caught up on training.

**Dodge:** Waiting for transfer station permit, proposal to add a new building for recycling and MSW. Buffer land on the east side of the transfer station to become a park. Working on closing the demo landfill. Received grant for reuse center.

**Blue Earth:** WM starting to charge residents for contamination. HHW is opening April 5<sup>th</sup>, Dave will be retiring next March. A lot of structural changes to come. Ponderosa landfill is planning for a future cell. The current one is almost full.

#### **Next Meeting:** April 22, 2022 **Meeting Adjourn** at 11:37 Motion made by Tammie Seconded by Mark.