



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, August 25, 2023**

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

Location: **Blue Earth County** - Ponderosa Landfill - 20028 Gooseberry Lane – park in back

Chairperson: **Molly Kjellsvig**

Note Keeper: **TBD**

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellsvig
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:15	3. JPB Legislative Product Stewardship Platform Development	All
11:00	4. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:10	5. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	6. Schedule Next Meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 22 or 29• October 20 or 26	
11:59	7. Adjourn	

Tour of customer service building - Optional
Operations have changed since we were there last -
there is a lot more recycling now!

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
Meeting Held In Olmsted County
April _____, 2023**

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Tammie and 2nd by Paul. The motion passed at 10:10 a.m.

Director's Update:

- Recycling markets still stink
- OCC remains steady at \$42.50/ton
- LDI cutting cost, possibly no spotting trailers in the future
- SOP down
- Plastics took a big jump up
- Revues are down because 68% of OCC price per ton.
- LDI is looking at stopping spotting trailers because the trailer cost has increased.
- SEMREX tonnages are down 32% from what they were last year at this time.

SEMREX future discussion

- Waste wizard is a big benefit
- Great networking
- Regional group/ change dynamics to reduce cost
- Own marketing responsibility

No decisions or recommendations were made.

EPR Update

- Mattress being introduce
- Still no paint care contract
- No rules for clarity
- Lots of discussion on batteries/windmills/solar panels
- Fast evolving and more to come!

MPCA update

- 2021 score published
- Commercial data sent out
- Update hauler list

County Updates:

Dodge:

- New semi being delivered in May
- Preconstruction meeting for reuse building and construction starting any day
- Better future of Minnesota helping with staff member
- Bonding bill for new transfer station building
- Attending dodge county Expo

Rice:

- Compactor broke down
- Renting d8 dozer
- Landfill is picking up
- Taylor is the new environmental tech
- Leachate being sent out and treated
- Lot of garbage pick up to do
- Demcon is going a good job picking up recycling
- HHW is picking up
- Still waiting on skid steer

Olmsted:

- NEW Skid loader arrived!
- Looking into a new forklift/ sitting good on equipment
- Picking out Reuse items for social services 1300 lbs. so far
- Scott will send a reuse document
- Looking for bonding money

Mower:

- Reviewing forklift quotes \$10000 more than last year
- 2 new solid waste haulers
- Working on SCORE report
- Recycling center addition still in the planning progress
- Solid waste plan will be sent to be reviewed by MPCA
- Shipped whole loads of tin and aluminum through SEMREX

Blue Earth

- New landfill position being posted
- Working on SCORE.
- New Landfill Supervisor is hired by the name of Jason Stephen.
- County will take over all operation of the Landfill in the end of April this year.
- Department restructure
- Sheet plastic is very problematic being sent to lake mills
- HHW opens on April 4th
- Styrofoam collection even

Waseca:

- Customer not being nice to county workers and got physical
- Another customer doing house clean out disposed of items causing a thermal event
- Cleaning up everything after snow melt
- Doing a driveway remodel
- Working on SCORE
- HHW opens in May
- Reuse event with public health

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting was set for April 21st with possible LDI tour.

Motion to End Meeting: Motion by Paul, 2nd by Tammie. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:56a.