SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting
Friday, October 27, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Waseca County Highway Department - Conference Room
1495 5th Street SE
Waseca, MN

AGENDA

10:00   Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes

10:05   Director’s Update – Sharon Schriever
       • National Sword Impact

10:25   JPB Meeting Planning
       • Review Opportunities & Challenges
       • Next Steps

11:20   MPCA Updates

11:30   Member Updates – All

12:00   Adjourn

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon
SEMREX Meeting Minutes
Red Wing, MN
9/22/17

Attendance: Scott Martin, Olmsted; Jeff Weaver, Mower; Rita Cole, Dodge; Jean Lundquist, Blue Earth; Jeff Schneider, Red Wing; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Anna Kerr, MPCA

Meeting Called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Motion to Approve minutes from previous meeting by Jeff W, seconded by Rita. No Discussion

Directors Update:
- OCC is down $10.00 to $160.00 per ton.
- LDI – Flour bags/feed bags have liners that muck up the system – beware. Send pictures if accepting this material.
- Recycling Education meeting to discuss lists of acceptable materials. We have an issue with gabled boxes being included – these affect the smaller operations that don’t accept this.
- Marketing tons down 858 from last year. OCC may be going elsewhere
- Revenue is way up, but down slightly for marketing revenue over 2016
- Glass to Envirolastech – off loading difficult. Delivery schedule needs to be improved.
- CISSR will be touring facility in October
- Mower has a market for S.U.S. wet strength cardboard.
- You can’t fight emotion with facts – artists evoke emotions.
- Don’t stop preaching to the choir as their enthusiasm is contagious
- Hank Fisher Died

Challenges & Opportunities: Planning Opportunities & Challenges – list is compiled by Anna
- Timing & Strength in numbers
- Maximize use of OWEF Capacity to lower the cost.
- Achieve more options for processing & disposal of CED
- Collaboration can create good ideas for progress
- Team work for new staff to learn from old staff legacy
- Better Plan
- Waste boundaries don’t abide borders
- Increase political influence for policy & programming
- Reduce cost and increase revenue for environmental outcomes
- Pooling of resources
- Utilize SEMREX’s JPB Status
- Cost savings in planning
- Unified Front

Challenges:
- Political Philosophies
- Funding
- Seeing the big picture
- Political support
- Getting Non-SEMREX counties to support & participate
- Tipping fee differences
• Loss of autonomy
• Increased burden to integrate
• May include increased cost not currently incurred
• Pressure on small systems to implement big plans
• Don’t operate facilities or manage material – plan benefits don’t apply as clearly
• Some counties may be too far to receive centralized benefits
• Progress/Planning may take longer
• Requires Ind. Co. actions plus JPB action
• (acknowledge the concerns of hesitant counties and provide solutions ahead of time)
• Lessons learned from other counties
• Inability to convince reluctant members of tangled benefits
• Get leaders involved – Staff to Elected, Elected to Elected, Staff Lead to Staff Lead
• Lessons learned from other regional efforts
• Identify shared values
• PCA Staff will summarize discussion

MPCA Updates:
• 2017 leg. Session: $3,000,000 from CLP to go to Fed Gov. for payment of obligations
• $1,0001000 available for compost and recycling
• $17.25 million for SCORE disburse in October & April
• Polk received $9,000,000 from CAP grant program
• SCISSR in St. Charles
• Statewide handling contract for recycling & solid waste collection for contracts by July of 2018

Integrated hauler reporting into SCORE Reporting
• Mower – not much – update to County Board renew addition
• Dodge – road still being fixed in front of facility – grading at building for self-serve3 drop off. Ready by January 1
• Olmsted – adopting Env. Ordinance with appeds process
• Blue Earth – 278 days
• Olmsted – Scott is new Water Lab guy – Interim

Rita Moved, 2nd by Jeff S. to Adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.
Challenges to Regional Planning

- Decision make process make up
- Political support to implement plan
- Getting elected officials to see the bigger picture
- Political differences/philosophy
- Pressure for small counties to act like the “big boys”
- Losing sight of county-specific goals, projects, and/or priorities
- If a county doesn’t own/operate a facility, they don’t get those benefits from the plan
- May be more burdensome (not everything applies to every county)
- Loss of autonomy
- Inability to convince reluctant members of the group of the benefits
- Getting additional counties involved (Winona, Houston, Fillmore, Goodhue)
- There could be additional cost incurred by counties if a consultant is hired
- Funding – some counties currently do plans in-house, while others hire contractors or consultants to write them
- Staff turnover
- Turnover during the process
- Changing elected officials mid-process
- Too far away to participate in milk run collections, etc.
- Tip fee difference (LF v. WTE)

Opportunities

- Strength in numbers
- Teamwork – new directors and staff
- Waste moves beyond county borders, so we should be working together
- Better plan overall
- Collaboration and brainstorming
- Maximize capacity to increase processing and lower cost
- Reduce costs, increase revenue, benefit environment through economies of scale
- Command better commodity prices
- Operating contingencies – long and short term, disasters
- Timing
- Achieve more options for C&D (processing, sorting, disposal)
- Increase political influence for policy and programs (unified front)
- Work together to make better decisions as we go forward.
- Maybe get a deal on collections of problem materials.
- Get a big picture look of how or where solid waste moves through lower state.
- Better chance as a large group to receive funding for projects.
- Some Counties do not have Landfill or Waste to energy = $$ or voice

Other Considerations

- Get leaders involved to help bring skeptics along (commissioner to commissioner relationships)
- Lessons learned from other regional efforts (e.g. One Water, One Plan)
- Identify shared values
- Need to educate decision makers – short message that highlights benefits to individual counties and the region
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