



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: April 26, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Red Wing SW Facility -
1873 Bench Street - Street Red Wing, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Jeff Schneider

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. Magazine Market Discussion	All
10:45	4. JPB Agenda – -Budget Change	Sharon Schriever
11:00	5. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:10	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Other/Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2019
Steele County- Administration Building

Members Present: Rita Cole, Dodge; Jeff Weaver, Mower; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Paul Pieper, Rice; Scott Martin, Olmsted; Ben Crowell, MPCA; Katie Barden, Steele.

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Minutes from February 15, 2019 meeting approved as written. Motion by Paul Pieper, 2nd by Jeff Weaver, motion carried.

Directors Update: Sharon distributed the March 2019 Market Updates. REC (Recycling Education Committee) is working with the MRFs regarding pressurized cans, should or should they not be recyclable. Sharon opened the floor for discussion, there were mixed reviews regarding what to do with these types of cans. Also, SEMREX will need to be audited in 2019. Private auditors will be used instead of the State Auditors. Recommendations to go back to an accrual rate vs cash rates will be used moving forward. Audits will take place every 5 years.

Waste Wizard Skype with Tim Adkins from ReCollect:

- Link available for all county websites, Facebook, MPCA, SEMREX, etc.
- Reporting is available for both SEMREX and individual counties.
- Multiple languages, free.
- Images associated for each item.
- Optional: Calendar for weekly recycling pickups for additional fees.
- Event Calendar/Reminders: Fee \$1,350
- Waste Wizard Base Line: \$4,350
- Marketing/Promoting Waste Wizard: Use current locations and resources. There are more options available.
- Sharon will provide Olmsted County's listing of items to each participating county.
- Next Steps: 1. Determine List of Services 2. Total Costs

Chair & Director: Hutchinson Organics Facility Tour. Scott shared the process from which the food waste was first dumped on the facility floor, pictures showed looked rather like garbage mixed with recycling instead of organics. Sorting the mixture then takes a trip on the belt, to the trommel, sorted for contamination, using a big digester 40 cubic yards and in 28 days ta da; organic waste! Concerns for the facility, aging equipment, long transportation commutes. Red Wing received a grant in hopes to gain grounds on organics. Olmsted has the volume and Mayo Clinic has expressed its interest in the organics collection process.

MPCA Update: Ben walked us through the SCORE report tools on the MPCA's website. Waste Recycling Data. Credits were deducted from the previous year's data, so all data is looked at the same. Multiple setting can be used to generate various reports. All data can be downloaded and printed. Very user friendly.

Member Updates:

Mower County- Waiting on Target's numbers and the county annual budget to complete the SCORE report.

Rice County- SCORE Report, Snow, Flooding, Water Water Water

Dodge County- Ditto to Rice County, hoping for the best with all the snow melting.

Steele County- Working on the SCORE report, making updates to current survey, waiting on numbers from both Walmart and Target.

Olmsted County- Hiring for a position at the HHW site and discussed the bill passing topic regarding mattress issue.

Next meeting- TBD

Paul made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Rita. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.