



**SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA RECYCLERS' EXCHANGE**  
*Cooperative marketing \* market development \* materials exchange*  
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SEMREX Technical Committee  
Scoping Document Development Meeting  
Friday, August 25, 2017  
**9:00 a.m.**  
Morehouse Meeting Room  
**Owatonna Public Utilities**  
208 S. Walnut Avenue  
Owatonna, MN 55021

## AGENDA

-  9:00 Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes
  
-  9:05 Work on Developing Scoping Document for Regional Plan
  
-  11:00 Determine Next Steps (Homework)
  
-  11:30 Adjourn

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting  
Olmsted County  
August 11, 2017**

**Present:** Terri Heim, Olmsted County; Paul Piper, Rice County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Jean Lundquist, Blue Earth County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Jeff Schneider, City of Red Wing; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; and Ben Crowell, MPCA.

**Call Meeting To Order & Approve Minutes:** Chair Jean Lundquist called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion to approve minutes by Rita Cole and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Piper. Motion passed.

**Director's Update:** The seven month (Jan. –July) materials shipped was down 642 ton from this time last year, but marketing revenue was up by 64% from last year's same period. Over all SEMREX budget is fine.

Fibers are steady from July. Small increase for tin and plastics.

**Regional Planning Discussion: 8 SEMREX members are onboard with the process with Rice County not. Rice County is not against SEMREX using funds to help pay for the Plan, and may, after seeing the results, choose to join in at a later date.** Members discussed what the starting point would be. Consensus is to start with a scoping document. This document will lay out the costs and benefits to each SEMREX Member. The first planning meeting for this will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. The plan is for the Scope to be done in time to be voted on by the Joint Powers Board in December.

**MPCA Update:** Ben Crowell went over MPCA updates. Greater MN Recycling Grants will be out in early Fall. Working with Red Wing for a CAP grant.

**County Updates:**

Blue Earth: Fire at the landfill is now believed to be out area of fire continues to be monitored. County had to do a large clean out project and are working on what the bill will be. An October shredding event is planned.

Freeborn: Freeborn County is looking for a new county Administrator, and a Planning & Zoning Director. Work continues on getting a permanent site for HHW.

Rice: Landfill expansion project is going forward. Building expansion/upgrade to Recycling Center is moving forward. Had a small lithium battery fire on the tipping floor.

Olmsted: There will be 2 more HHW events this fall. Byron in August and Chatfield in September. Working on resolving a complaint about Poisonous Hemlock contaminating the compost site. County is restructuring the compost site. County is working on revising ordinances to create "steps" for citizens to take before going in front of the County Board. This will help the board by having written legal opinion before hearing cases.

Dodge: Facility was closed for 2 weeks in July because of road repair. The facility is open now. The one-lane road situation may last another 3-4 weeks. Employees got a lot done while the facility was

closed. They did some needed repairs and they toured LPI and Veit. While the facility was closed they had roll-offs at the school for recyclables. Hoping to start construction on another building yet this fall.

Red Wing: Fire. Consults have been frustrating. It has been decided that the building needs to be replaced. One report stated they needed to replace the foundation so another consultant is needed for further discussion on that. Codes have changed since the building was built so there will be some structure changes to the new building. Only one machine was damaged in the fire and it will be able to be repaired. They did have insurance for the new build. Cause of fire is still unknown.

Mower: New addition is going well. City and County want a report on the efficiencies. HHW has been crazy busy partly because of an add placed in the County Fair brochure.

**Set Next Meeting:** August 25 in potentially in Owatonna, sharing will check with Steele County to confirm.

**Motion to End Meeting:** 11:45 am Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff S. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Terri Heim

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Scott Martin, Chair