



**SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA RECYCLERS' EXCHANGE**

*Cooperative marketing \* market development \* materials exchange*

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**SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting**

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

9:00 a.m.

Olmsted County Environmental Resources  
Conference Room A (on the right, just inside the South door)  
2122 Campus Drive SE  
Rochester, MN

**AGENDA**

-  9:00 Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes
-  9:05 Director's Update – Sharon Schriever
-  9:15 Regional Planning
  - Status of Resolutions
  - Next Steps
-  9:25 MPCA Updates
-  9:30 Brief Member Updates – All
-  9:55 Adjourn

Reminder – We will be a meeting with MPCA following our meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss composting

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon

Minutes of the SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting  
November 16, 2017

Present: Ben Cowell-MPCA, Anna Kerr-MPCA, Georgette Hanson-Waseca Co., Rita Cole-Dodge Co., Jean Lundquist-Blue Earth Co., Scott Martin-Olmsted Co., Sharon Schriever-SEMREX, Jeff Weaver-Mower Co., Mark Goskeson-Freeborn Co., Scott Martin, Olmsted Co.

Meeting called to order at 10:02am. Correction from Jean that 2,400lbs of paper shredded, with that, Rita approved and Jean 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes approved and passed.

Director's update: Sharon reported prices are holding and tons are down. China lightened restrictions to 1% contamination allowed in materials. Envirolastech is still looking for and accepting glass.

JPB Planning - reviewed agenda and reviewed budget. Jean recommended approval of both, and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>

Scoping Document:

Challenges

- Logistics of Decision making
- Variances of County systems & philosophy
- Political Support
- Funding
- Turnover of staff & elected officials

Opportunities

- Waste sheds – County borders: current system, Emergency Response/Disasters, options
- Cost Savings- better prices, environmental benefits hauling, maximize capacity
- Unified front- political, funding opportunities
- Collaborative efforts-Idea Sharing-history, MPCA Staff Support

Review Resolutions and next steps are JPB Vote then County Boards adopt resolution of approval.

MPCA Update: Greater MN Recycling Grant coming soon, looking for RFP's Feb 2018

Mark Goskeson-Freeborn Co: New position Director of Environmental Services, Department newly staff with Planning and Zoning officer and Building Official. New County Administrator, Human Resources and Admin Assistant.

Rita Cole-Dodge Co: Building for self-serve opening soon

Georgette Hanson-Waseca Co: And it burns, burns, burns. The ring of fire, the ring of fire. The landfill fire is still burning.

Jean Lundquist-Blue Earth Co: Met with Thrift Stores, MN Valley, Habitat for Humanity discussion on clothes and the options they have along with other items.

Jeff Weaver-Mower Co: unable to repurpose blue bins, ordered 20yd container for glass.

Scott Martin-Olmsted Co: reorganization in the works, changes made to Compost site entrance and exist, drop-off and pick-up areas.

Adjourn: 12:17 by Jeff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Georgette  
Submitted by Mark Goskeson-Freeborn Co.