



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, January 29, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Via Teams

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: To be determined

Time	Information Items	Presenter
8:30 -9:45	Regional Planning- Grant Application Discussion	Jeff Schneider & Sharon Schriever
10:00	1. Call Technical Committee Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes	Scott Martin
10:05	2. Election of Chairperson	All
10:10	3. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:20	4. Marketing Update	Terri Heim
10:25	5. Grant Application for Regional Planning Update	Sharon Schriever & Jeff Schneider
10:30	6. Interest in Carton Council Presentation	Sharon Schriever
10:35	7. MPCA Updates	Ben Crowell
10:45	8. Member Updates	All
11:45	9. Next Meeting	
11:50	10. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

Online Via Teams

Members Present: Rita Cole, Dodge; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Scott Martin, Olmsted, Mark Goskeson, Freeborn; Jeff Weaver, Mower; Ben Crowell, MPCA. Tammie Bramer, Waseca; Molly Kjellesvig;

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:04 am via Teams. Minutes from the October 2020 meeting approved as written. Motion made by Jeff Weaver, 2nd by Tammie Bramer, motion carried.

Directors Update: Tons were down 670.47 tons from 2019 or 14%. Total revenue through October was \$344,605.35 this is down \$5,116.40 or 1%. However, Marketing Fee revenue was down \$4,549.99 for 17% through October compared to 2019 for the same period. Cardboard was up \$5/ton.

Member Updates

Blue Earth County- Recycling and landfill going ok. Hazardous Waste was closed on October 31st. Opening on December 1st for appointment only visits for the winter.

Waseca County- Back to full operation. Baling plastic, paper and cardboard.

Mower County—Nothing new to report

Freeborn County—Hazardous Waste site assessment is done. Should have a permanent site for HHW next year. The recycling contract with Waste Management is at the County Attorney. It will be a 7-year contract. Very few changes expected.

Dodge County—Nothing new to report

Olmsted County—Operations, OCRC and HW, are running well. All operations moved indoors. Have had employees out on COVID-19 quarantine which leaves the staff short. Into Phase 2 for the MRF facility plans. The project is 2-3 years out and will have a \$30 Million construction cost. Revenue is currently down approximately 10%. Not a bad year considering the barriers. Going forward with the Onalaska project for recycling mattresses. Reviewing fee schedule. Asking the board for an increase for fees of mattresses and tires. Recently got a new truck for picking up recyclables from customers on our city route.

MPCA Update: Landfills are a hot issue. Policies work well for counties but not as well for privately owned properties. Converting from class 3 to municipal waste to capture construction debris. May need a rule change. Want to bring in local voices to see what they need. Asking for focus group members.

Scott mentioned battery wars. Looking for guidance. Because of the space restrictions and added expense, hazardous waste doesn't take household single use batteries, however, haulers say "no batteries."

Next Meeting: January meeting to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am. Motion made by Mark Goskeson, 2nd by Rita Cole, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Terri Heim