



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, January 21, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Via Teams

Chairperson: Molly Kjellesvig

Note Keeper: To be determined

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call Technical Committee Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellesvig
10:10	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:20	3. Update on SEMREX Operations	Sharon Schriever
10:30	4. Product Stewardship	Scott Martin
10:40	5. Plastics Legislative Update	Sharon Schriever
10:50	6. MPCA Updates	Ben Crowell
11:00	7. Member Updates	All
11:50	8. Next Meeting	
11:55	9. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting

October 28th, 2021

Freeborn County

Members Present: Rita Cole, Dodge; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn; Scott Martin, Olmsted; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Paul Piper, Rice; Jeff Schneider, Red Wing; Katie Barden, Steele; Marcus Thompson, Mower; Tammie Bramer, Waseca; Molly Kjellesvig, Blue Earth; Ben Crowell, MPCA.

Molly Kjellesvig called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Rita made a motion to approve minutes from September 30th, 2021 and seconded by Paul Pieper. Motion approved as written with no changes and no discussion.

Director's Update: Markets strong with Aluminum up .12. Tons are also up 6%. Different states are changing recycling, Massachusetts not taking containers and California are changing rules on recycling. A conversation of SEMREX future was discussed and how a change of \$100/ton would have \$5 fee and move to 5% over \$100/ton and also raise member fees, may present this or other change at JPB on Dec 3rd in Dodge County. The group discussed and agreed on the items for the Joint Powers Board agenda.

MPCA: Ben discussed how the MPCA may update recycling goals to reflect Greenhouse gas and Climate change. Plan to see focus groups on moving waste up the hierarchy and possible life cycle analysis.

Member Updates:

Steele: Going through the hauler license renewals, have had 4 new haulers this Fall/Summer. HHW is closed for the year. No out of County waste starting January 1, 2022. Working on updating ReCollect Calendar for 2022. Starting to look at the RFP process for Curbside Recycling as the current contract is up December 2022. Steele County also gave letter of support for the Olmsted MRF.

Red Wing: They have a supervisor retiring and are planning to absorb the job duties of the position between 2 existing staff. They had an E-waste event with over 1200 cars, filling 4 semi-trailers at a cost of .25/lbs. They ran single stream through their facility for 1 day. It worked ok but unsure of a stream for mixed paper.

Dodge: Having a get together December 1st from 2-4pm for Mark's retirement. Transfer station has been very busy.

Rice: They will be hiring a landfill operator. Their cardboard volume is down and they connect that with business that is starting to market their own cardboard because of the higher prices. HHW is still going crazy.

Mower: Board has approved a new forklift. They will be trying to improve the recycling at the fair and starting with the beer garden. They also made a change to their can and bottle sorting line that will divert more glass away from the landfill.

Blue Earth: Getting a new John Deere dozer for the landfill. They sprayed 2.2 million gallons of leachate and recirculated 90,000 gallons. They have a new 3-year recycling contract with Waste Management with a 2 year optional extension. They are no longer open for recycling on Saturdays. They also have a contract with Demcon to process recyclables. They closed the HHW facility October 29th for the season. They do have open appointment only in December. MFS Farms CUP was approved. They are working on state permitting and are accepting residual recyclables.

Waseca: Waseca transfer operations were shut down and the site closed for 10days. They were approved to purchase a Bobcat skid steer and a truck. HHW is closed from May-September.

Olmsted: Currently mattress recycling in done in a 40yd container. They are researching ramp and dock designs to move the recycling into 53' trailers to reduce pulls saving them money. The current fee is \$22 per mattress to recover some cost. They have an interest in Product Stewardship and are working closely to get the right model that works with ALL problem materials, mattress, batteries, and make sure Manufacture take ownership and not leave Counties holding the bill

Meeting Adjourn 12:05 motion from Molly 2nd by Jeff