



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange

Technical Committee Meeting

Date: July 27, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Steele County Government Services Building

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Katie Barden

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. Report on State of Recycling	Sharon Schriever
10:25	4. Report on REC – Recycling Partnership Grant	Sharon Schriever
10:35	5. Product Stewardship Update	Scott Martin
10:45	6. Update	MPCA Staff
11:00	7. County Updates	All Staff
11:50	8. Other/Next Meeting	All Staff
12:00	9. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Meeting Minutes– Red Wing
5/25/18

Attendance: Jeff Schneider, City of Red Wing; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Ben Crowell, MPCA
Note Taker: Rose Hanson

10:00 a.m. – No Quorum

Question: Why is Waste Management fighting Resource Recovery – they still get money (more money, less use of landfill capacity)?

General Information:

- Prices alright, OCC down again. Geno still taking glass, Red Wing still shipping to Strategic for \$18.00/ton. Strategic sorts by optical sorter. Tons down, revenues down. Magazines hard to move – Why? Metals holding, Plastics the same, Aluminum good price.

SEMREX

- Joint Powers Meeting – met with 4 consultants on 5/14/18. Felt meeting went well. No budget numbers yet. Next meeting is scheduled for 5/31/18 to review proposals. Will give the Board an informal update around June 1st.
- Spoke with MPCA Agency folds on Tuesday about money – nothing is available now, but may have opportunities in the future (7/1). No specifics on projects/plans. Counties with landfills don't want any part of it, even though it's more about problem materials. Regional – mutually beneficial to all participants. Still trying to work on small details. We need to come up with project ideas with mutual benefits.
- MPCA wants organics program, especially on commercial/institutional accounts. PCA wants to reduce waste. How is the environment improved by moving up the hierarchy? Questions for consultant to help us through the process and develop projects.
- Demolition sorting/recycling – are there end markets for sorted materials? Need to show the PCA Board that we are not just focusing on MSW. Demolition is a large volume to work with.
- Need to tackle issues from towns and counties – show these can be worked on as regional issues.
- Highlight focus areas in the plan, leveraging for region. (1980 Act won't play, less focus on reduction, don't use term "landfill abatement"). Term landfill abatement is a common term, Waste to Energy will turn off landfills, 1980 Act references landfill reduction, volume & recycling - need to come up with another term. (75% reduction not achievable, try "Only sent 38% to landfills in Minnesota") (language not specific enough – it doesn't focus on what to achieve)

Joint Powers

- Will keep meeting before SEMREX Meetings
- Look over proposals and share with the Board. Board to help in developing an RFP by the end of August (have focus areas identified, budgetary numbers for the Regional Plan, schedule Stakeholders meetings, secure outside funding). Have until the end of the year to define expectations for the consultant.
- Get examples of how this has been done in other places/markets
- What are the individual interests of other entities?
- What level should commissioners be involved?
 - Provide short e-mail updates
- When will we hear about the Grants?
 - MPCA Staff have reviewed the applications, award letters are scheduled to be sent out the end of June.
- What is expected of the Board?
 - Staff will prepare focus areas for the RFP, will present to the RFP to the Board in December.

Updates:

- Red Wing – 3 Council Members resigned, including our primary support member. Still trying to work through issues for our operations. May have a tentative settlement with the insurance company.
- Rice County – Down Staff
- Freeborn County – Hazardous Waste started – hauled 1st load out yesterday. Ewaste collection – only 4 people available to help unload – STS was unavailable. Recycling – tons & dollar amounts up with KW Plastics – reminder that some counties only have landfills or service providers – no incentive for Ditch Abatement, haulers not helping with the program – dumping in the woods.
- Dodge County – Busy, composter coming 6/5/18
- Olmsted County – Matrix study results have been shared – identifies products most likely legislative support. Surveys done