



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: July 26, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Steele County Administration Building – Room 10
630 Florence Avenue- Owatonna, MN

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. Waste Wizard Promotion Presentation	Terri Quist - ReCollect
11:15	4. Good Thunder Compost Facility Closing	Molly Kjellesvig
11:25	5. Member Updates	All Staff
12:10	6. Other/Next Meeting	
12:15	7. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, May 31, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Olmsted County – 2122 Campus Drive – Rochester, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Terri Heim

Members Present: Paul Pieper, Jeff Weaver, Rita Cole, Molly Kjellesvig, Scott Martin, Sharon Schriever, Jeff Schneider, Ben Crowell, MPCA

Call to Order: Scott Martin Called the Meeting to Order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 26, 2019 meeting approved as written. Motion by Paul Pieper, 2nd by Jeff Weaver, motion carried.

- Director's Update: See attached.
Magazines are becoming increasingly hard to move. Olmsted County has a load and a half waiting to find a home. Much discussion as Red Wing and Mower mix theirs in with their mixed paper and it is sold to Mason City. Olmsted will start to do the same.

Kemp Plastics: Jeff Schneider stated that he heard that Kemps has plastic to move. Sharon will look into this to see if SEMREX can be of assistance to them.

- Waste Wizard:
Members expressed their ideas about moving forward with the joint contract at approximately \$800- \$900 per year. Members expressed that they are interested - stating that it is a good value and residents are looking for electronic tools. There seems to be an issue with timing in getting this contract signed because of commissioner schedules. If need be, this may be moved out another 6 months. Discussion was held on whether there could be an ala Carte menu as one member would like the calendar feature but not all members do. Sharon will check on this.
- JPB Agenda:
 1. Budget Clarification: There was an error on the SEMREX budget in that Fenske's revenue should be reported separately because they are not a government entity. Sharon will get the budget corrected. This will not affect bottom line.
 2. Waste Wizard Approval: Members need to prod their commissioners so that there is a quorum at the meeting.

- A motion was made by Jeff Weaver to change the SEMREX budget to show Waste Wizard dollars. Motion was seconded by Paul Pieper. No discussion. All approved. Motion Carried by Scott Martin.
- Jeff Weaver suggested the yearly membership invoices should add a separate line for Waste Wizard dues.

3. Grants to apply for: Greater Minnesota and Environmental Assistance

Ben Crowell, MPCA Update:

Grants were fully funded in the Minnesota budget. SCORE rebates may rise 3%. Expecting 2 grants to be available this fall; Greater Minnesota and Environmental Assistant. Sign up for MPCA on Govdelivery for the most recent information regarding dates and application information.

There are 2 or 3 more regions considering regional planning. SEMREX expressed to MPCA that regional planning is only beneficial if there is a monetary benefit to the region. Ben mentioned that it was being talked about but couldn't say that there would be funding. Sharon Schriever mentioned that they were hoping to use Olmsted County planning staff for assistance but because there is a shortage of planners in the city/county she didn't think that would be an option. Scott Martin expressed strongly that professional people would need to be hired to create the plan. Ben suggested *Warren*. Jeff Schneider agreed that the planner/consultant should be from an outside source and that *Warren* would be a good option.

Ben suggested that the SEMREX suggest to the JPB board that funding is needed and get approval to apply for a grant without mentioning a specific name so that when the grants become available SEMREX can move faster on whichever is available.

There was much discussion on who can and what point items placed for recycling can be deemed as trash.

Blue Earth County:

- The department has a new name. They are now Property and Environmental resources and still located in the courthouse until March, 2020.
- Landfill management person quit so an operator was moved to manager and they will hire a new operator.
- Their new shredder is up and running. They are ready to start the shred program.
- HHW has been very busy.
- A Recycling Education packet for young children is available online.

Dodge County:

- Been very busy, but did get a seasonal worker

Rice County:

- Very busy.
- Bid openings for landfill closure. Closing cells 5-7.
- Need transfer station completion. May be this summer.
- Have begun land applying leachate
- Lakeville is expanding their recycling carts to 95 gallon. Will remain biweekly pick up.

Olmsted County:

- Very busy. Busier than last year.
- OWEF is at capacity.
- Landfill is doing ok.

Mower:

- Recycling center and HHW are both very busy.

Red Wing:

- Permit process to integrate their permit to a waste processing facility. City of Red Wing has their own trucks and their own routes with approximately 8000 city accounts. Resident fees are paid on the City of Red Wing bill. They may attempt to run a driver ahead of the trucks to check bins for increased resident recycling education.
- Construction is still on schedule. They are currently sorting recyclables in the parking lot. They are receiving insurance payments on schedule.

Next meeting either July 19 or 26 at Rice County. Motion to adjourn meeting by Paul Pieper, second by Jeff Schneider. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.