



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange

Technical Committee Meeting

Date: March 15, 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. Regional Waste Wizard Demo -Discussion –	Sharon Schriever All
10:45	4. Hutchinson Organics Operation Report	Scott/Sharon
11:00	5. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:10	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Other/Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting

Friday, February 15th, 2019

Blue Earth County—Historical Courthouse

Members Present: Molly Kjellesvig and Mark Piepho, Blue Earth; Rita Cole, Dodge; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Scott Martin, Olmsted; Paul Pieper, Rice; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn; Katie Barden, Steele.

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:22 am. Minutes from January 18, 2019 meeting approved as written. Motion by Rita Cole, 2nd by Paul Pieper, motion carried.

Directors Update: Sharon distributed the February 2019 Market Updates. Due to winter conditions, transportation woes have been hitting everyone hard. Waseca Update—they have completed cleanup and ordered a new baler. They have had a final inspection for the concrete work and are working on rebuilding already. The north end of the facility has been confirmed that it has not been compromised. Overall, Georgette said the insurance people have been great to work with.

Waste Wizard Tutorial: Sharon showed the committee an overview of how the Waste Wizard and Recycle Coach modules work. Olmsted County is currently paying an annual fee of \$3,060, everything included. To change information on the Waste Wizard tool, it's as simple as changing the spreadsheet and uploading it to Recollect. The grant from Minnesota's Recycling Education Committee would cover administrative costs for getting the spreadsheets set up for each county. Motion made by Paul Piper and seconded by Mark Goskeson to talk with vendors regarding the regional waste wizard tool, motion carried. We will move forward in talking with the vendor—Recollect about pricing and setting it up.

Olmsted County Internal Recycling Program: Olmsted County has had an Internal Recycling Program for 25 years. They recently made a 3-minute video about how to recycle within their county buildings. They used an employee from Public Health to create the video, the only cost to them was \$50 for the announcer to narrate the video.

MPCA Update: Sharon gave a short update for the MPCA, whom was not in attendance. The State is working on market development for a plastic processing facility to process and pelletize plastic film at a facility in St. Cloud. The State is increasing the reimbursement rate for collecting waste pesticides, Scott thinks it will be around 35 cents/pound.

Member Updates

Steele County—They recently backfilled the landfill operator position. Bruce submitted their SCORE and is working on the hazardous waste and stormwater annual report. Looking into their

budget to work with River Bend Nature Reserve for educating 4th graders about recycling in school. Katie will be at the annual SWAA training next week.

Dodge County—Rita is working on an educational piece and attempting to find the best way to get in touch with citizens in her county. Transfer station has been slow.

Freeborn County—Mark is working on their SCORE report. None of the industries have been sending back their recycling materials sheet.

Rice County—Their baler has been down around a week. The debris from the tornadoes/storm are getting ground up. There were 68 semi-loads of wood chips hauled away to be burned and they left 10 semi-loads due to rocks in the loads. Paul is also working on reports.

Blue Earth County—Compactor was down at the WM Recycling Center, they began turning away haulers to the facility because it was so full. Molly had them switch their loading procedures and get the facility back running and accept the haulers, as it is under contract. Blue Earth County will be touring the Waste Management MRF in Minneapolis at the end of March. Molly will be working on a contamination campaign to be used on social media since residuals numbers are the highest in April in their county. Winter appointments at the HHW are finishing up for the season, next year will be a second step to further this initiative. Today at the Ponderosa Landfill begins a new reduced rate of \$5 for the first 5 items of e-waste. In the next month, free shredding will begin at the Ponderosa Landfill too. With Recycling Education, Molly is creating a daycare education packet about recycling to hand out at the Daycare Association meetings and will also host an adult education class about contamination and responsible buying practices, this will gauge overall interest to start a Master Recycler/Composter program in the future.

Olmsted County—Just finished up with creating the Internal Recycling Initiative video. Due to this initiative, it gave them the opportunity to shut down the facilities for a day and complete training and maintenance. Put in all LED lights into the county facilities and upgraded the HVAC system, which is now computer controlled. Scott is working on all the annual reporting due. They have the opportunity to buy new equipment, including a recycling truck, skid loader, and electric forklift. They will be conducting a MRF analysis—they want to build a MRF, including accepting C&D and food waste.

Next Meeting: March 15th at Steele County

Paul made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Katie. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.