



# Agenda

## Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

**Date: May 31, 2019**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Olmsted County Environmental Resources  
2122 Campus Drive SE – Suite 200 -Rochester, MN**

**Chairperson: Scott Martin**

**Note Keeper: tbd**

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.	All
10:45	4. JPB Agenda – -Budget Change	Sharon Schriever
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, April 26, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Red Wing Solid Waste Facility – 1873 Bench St – Red Wing, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Jeff Schneider

Members Present: Paul Pieper, Jeff Weaver, Rita Cole, Blue Earth, Scott Martin, Sharon Steel, Mark, Molly Kellesvig, Katie Barden

Call Meeting to Order and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 15, 2019 meeting approved as written. Motion by Paul Pieper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Weaver, motion carried.

Director's Update:

OCC down \$10.00, 600 tons below 2018. March increased, Bad Weather 30 Loads/ March 301 load to date.

Revenue is at breakeven point.

OCC is at a ten year low, along with other commodities.

Magazines not much market.

Market Development Group – not much change

Recycling – EPA - Grant Funding multifamily mini grants and coordinate or state wide message

Tool kit finalizing message

Contamination in Recyclable Stream is resulting additional charges.

Magazine Market Discussion

LDI – Concerned about getting Asian Cardboard Contamination – 9 Dragons will be making pulp in US and sending it back to China.

Total Revenues down \$110,000.00

When price is low, Recyclers get picky about material.

Magazines – PCA has been contacted about magazine markets – not much to report markets are poor. There is not much hope for markets to rebound unless China's changes its policies.

JPB Agenda – June 7, 2019 – Dodge County 9:30 am

- Regular Market Report and Update on Budget
- Waste Wizard – Approval and Vote on Participation who is in? \$700 to \$800 per county per year. Waste Wizard is part of a state purchasing, or some other joint purchasing agreement.
- MPCA Updates
- Audit Update

Other Discussion:

Cash Balance - Reserves (\$125.00)

## Dividends

Membership fees have not been raised for years.

### Update on Regional Planning

Where is it at? Who is in? How do we pay for it?

Would anything come from fund balance?

\$10,000.00 from 6 members

MPCA Update – emailed to members from Ben Crowell.

### Member Updates:

Steele: Been blasting Earth messages on Social Media – What was attention getting? Links to U-tube videos. Much good feedback. Internal messages-some Facebook posting on Steele County page. Keep the message consistent and constant.

### Olmsted:

- Hazardous Waste Tech Position filled. Starting up busy season – 3.5 FTE at Hazardous Waste Operations. Much more special waste than before. Recycling Center is busy with 3% growth of pay customers. 125,000 people annually. Battery Award RBRE regional collector top 5% of quantity recovered. City of Rochester is considering an organized collection implementation. This is very real implement? By fall. Looking at changes to ordinances to allow compost collection, this would require a hauler license. They want to allow this as non-msw collector.
- Arbor Day at Silver Lake
- Earth Day Celebration
- 4<sup>th</sup> St SE shut down to the bridge near 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### Blue Earth County:

- Moved under tax payer services-moved to courthouse
- Earth Day Celebration at the library
- Ending Craft made from recyclables
- Had highest levels of residuals at vendor – went with a Public Education campaign to educate public campaign has effective. Still many bags in stream. (1, 2, 5) plastics is the message of recycling.
- They have a great Education area for promoting social media message
- Landfill construction of new cell
- E-Waste program accepting \$5.00/unit for 1<sup>st</sup> 5 units. \$15.00 after.
- Email list for informing the public of goings on.
- Sending out letters to haulers with expectation of educational messages to go to residents. Include message on billing statements.

### Dodge County:

- Working on messaging for drop sites to eliminate bag issue for recyclables.
- Burn Barrel Education message – goal of eliminating Burn Barrels – buy backs? With proof of garbage subscription?
- 2-new hauler licenses this year.

- Deorg will require delivery to Dodge County.
- 1 setting busy – May 10<sup>th</sup> tour of Republic MRF.
- Earth day project event for County Staff.
- Promoting myth buster articles about recycling.

#### Rice County:

- It's muddy at the landfill. Need to do much litter pick up from Spring/Fall.
- Contracting with EPIC to do picking.
- Finishing transfer station and recycling construction undetermined.
- Many Earth Day Events. Education Trailer from Dick's Recycling. Presented at local schools – will use again for County Fair. Plastic bags still an issue with contaminations
- E-waste – Free Events can cost \$100,000.00, so it is unlikely that another free event will be held again. Still accepting electronics at main site.
- Landfill cell closure going out for bid this year.

#### Waseca:

- Maybe doing a HHW collection Event this year but the cost is possibly prohibited.

#### Freeborn:

- Recycling volumes up last 3-4 months blended value is low at \$37.87 per ton. In 2016 it was \$116.41 per ton.
- E-Waste two collections using Retro Fit HHW collections to begin next week.
- Difficult to get people and then wear safety equipment.

#### Mower:

- Every day is Earth Day. Issues with cardboard too much box board. 1,000 tons of OCC. Try to put more in mixed paper dilute. Problem is no big commercial volumes of OCC to dilute.
- Busy – Warm weather has brought out the people.

#### Red Wing:

- Landfill closure bids out today.
- Construction of MRF in full swing – completed by October.
- Designation negotiations with haulers – 90 Day Period.
- Purchasing trucks for collection
- Larger volumes of waste

Next Meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup> Olmsted. Motion to adjourn by Paul Pieper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Goskeson - Adjourn 12:16 p.m.