



SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA RECYCLERS' EXCHANGE

*Cooperative marketing * market development * materials exchange*

507-328-7022

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Freeborn County **Highway Shop** (See Map)

3300 Bridge Ave

Albert Lea, MN

AGENDA

-  10:00 Call Meeting to Order & Approve Minutes

-  10:05 Director's Update – Sharon Schriever
 - Marketing

-  10:25 JPB Meeting Planning
 - Review Scoping Document
 - Review Resolutions
 - Finalize Joint Powers Board Agenda
 - Next Steps

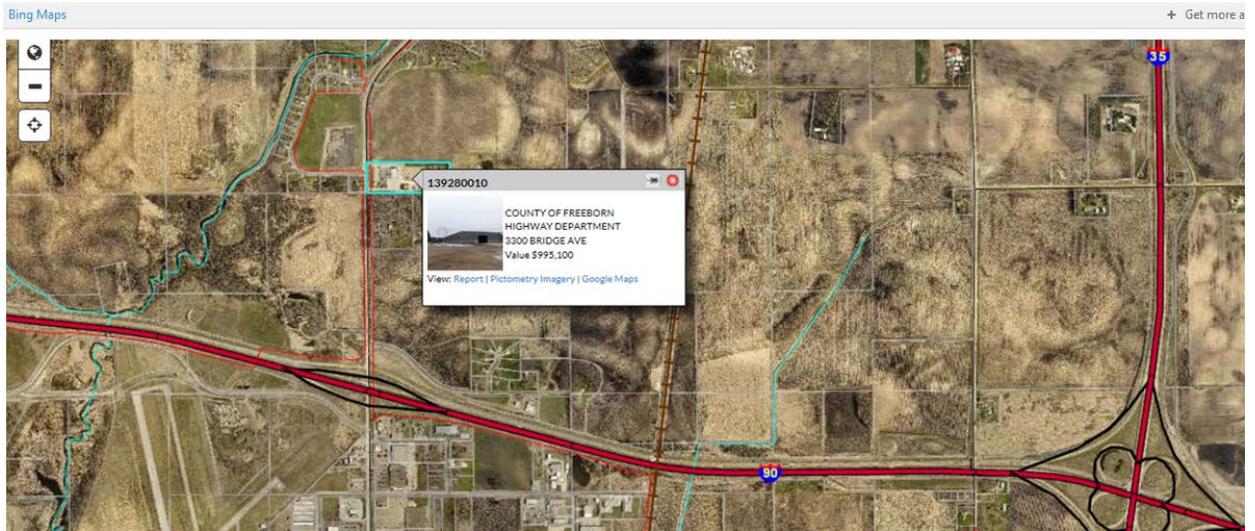
-  11:20 MPCA Updates

-  11:30 Member Updates – All

-  12:00 Adjourn

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon

Meeting Location:



*Minutes of the SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting
October 27, 2017*

Present: Ben Cowell-MPCA, Anna Kerr-MPCA, Georgette Hanson-Waseca Cnty, Rita Cole-Dodge Cnty, Jean Lundquist-Blue Earth Cnty, Scott Martin-Omsted Cnty, Sharon Schriever-SEMREX, Paul Pieper-Rice Cnty, Jeff Weaver-Mower Cnty.

Meeting called to order at 10:05am. With no additions/corrections, Jeff made motion, 2nd by Rita, meeting minutes were approved and passed.

Director's Update: Sharon reported cardboard down a bit, did a little change on the budget, which looks good for now. Audit done and got a "best" rating ☺. China not playing well with others, feeling a crunch in plastics. Mixed paper is still good. Textiles remain -0- demand. In spite of all that, tonnages are still up! National sort is here to stay. To remain ok, we need to be sure all is clean and neat and we can remain on top. Surpassed a million in sales to revenue ☺ Yay..

JPB Planning Discussion: It was discussed that the top of the "things to do list" is as follows: 1) Scope document, 2) Resolutions (one for SEMREX and one for County) packet, 3) fiscal agent agreement. Discussion ensued regarding the above plans. The realistic timeline, working on finding funding thru MPCA, benefits of having a Regional Plan, strength in numbers, more voices to be heard by the legislature and having MPCA in our corner with the correct language would mean a better chance to obtain funds and be heard. Also, the topic of ball park figure of just how much a Regional Plan consultant might cost. Being very conservative, Ben suggested we look at a range of between \$65,000.00 to \$75,000.00, depending on the hours needed and how in depth we as Counties get involved. Also, the committee agreed to get Jean all of our info regarding our counties such as MSW, Demo Industrial, public and private to be organized in a map to be contained in the packet of info presented to the commissioners as part of the packet. Jean graciously volunteered Blue Earth County map guy to put this info together. In the next few days, Sharon, Ben and Anna will concur and bang out some plain language regarding the required documents/tasks to be discussed and presented to Commissioners at the upcoming meeting regarding the Regional Solid Waste Plan. They will be planning: the Scope document/map of regions, check list for Regional SW Plan, Cost (funding opportunities), realistic timelines. The above topics are hopefully ready by our November 16th 2017 meeting. The next JPB meeting to be December 1st, meeting place to be determined.

MPCA update: Ben says not much new, for next year on SCORE reporting, they are requesting haulers info directly from haulers and will be incorporating that in the Re-trac system. Counties will still be reporting too, but this will hopefully work as a checks and balances system to make sure the numbers are somewhat close and accurate. **Anna's Update:** Greater MN recycling grants getting ready to be completed. Applications to be coming. CAP interest moving forward

Georgette-Waseca Cnty: Haz season over for 2017, numbers seem steady, fire still smoldering in brush area, staffing issues hopefully over, hired full time employee, sold vertical textiles baler as not in the textiles baling world anymore.

Rita-Dodge Cnty: Road is done at transfer station. Ground work done for self-serve area, building coming soon hopefully completed by January. Getting a grapple for demo loader.

Jean –Blue Earth Cnty: Had a shredding event, 44 cars came thru and they had 24,000 lbs. of paper shredded.

Scott-Olmsted Cnty: Busy, recycling #'s up, raised fees earlier this year, budget looks good. HHW contracts coming up, completing storm water construction plan, for better drainage and plan on having it done by next year. Haz numbers are in the 11,000 to 12,000 customer count. Looking at buying a mini front end loader for around \$60,000.00.

Paul-Rice Cnty: Busy, winter schedule changes in November. Doing staff hiring, one PT/FT with a 16-hour week and one FT. Cell construction still going on, workers dragging it out! Recycling doing good, mattress #'s are up. HAZ busy #'s up. Got a new "toy" called a Tool Cat. Doing a RFP for single sort Republic agreement coming to end and doing some searching for a better deal. Dick's recycling is doing Dundas, WM lost that community to them.

Jeff Weaver-Mower Cnty: Not much new, HAZ busy, having very good luck "recycling" little blue containers, schools love them. Cleaning up facility for a insurance audit coming.

Next meeting to be November 16th, 2017, place to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by Georgette, 2nd by Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm.

Submitted by Georgette Hanson-Waseca County