



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, November 15, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Rice County

Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior

We will meet downstairs of the Guild House. Enter the Complex at the east end -Red Brick building. The entrance is at the corner of 6th street NW and 1st Ave. NW Faribault.

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Paul Pieper

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. Budget	
10:25	4. Joint Powers Board Agenda: Grant Project Application?	
11:05	5. MPCA Update	Ben Crowell
11:10	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Next Meeting	
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Meeting Minutes- Steele County

Technical Committee Meeting

10/25/2019

Present: Georgette Hanson, Waseca County; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Ben Crowell, MPCA; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Molly Kjellesvig; Blue Earth, Sharon Schriever, SEMREX, Jeff Weaver, Mower County.

Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 9:59am.

Motion by Georgette Hanson, seconded by Mark Goskeson to approve the minutes with one spelling correction. Ayes all.

Directors Updates:

Prices for cardboard, mixed paper and newspaper remained the same. Plastic saw an increase of \$2.50/ton. Steel cans lost another \$20/ton and aluminum was down 2 cents/pound. Total revenue was \$307,419 through September that is 46 percent below last year for the same period.

There was much discussion on the Regional Planning as if the counties should do separate plans since funding is an issue for SEMREX to do a joint plan.

Potential Tri-County Memberships

There was discussion on the addition of "Tri-County" to SEMREX. Will they all join and be 3 separate voting entities, or will they vote as one with one representative. Sharon will talk to Olmsted County attorney's office and to Al Christensen from Tri-County.

Joint Powers Board Agenda: (Tentative- pending further information)

- *Tri-County Membership & JPB Agreement Revision - resolution to add member?*
- *Grant Application?*
- *Fiscal Agent Contract with Olmsted County*
- *Professional Services Agreement with Olmsted County*
- *Budget*
- *REC Update?*

Recycling Education Committee Update

Watched the video from the Recycling Education Committee. Sharon gave information on what education materials will be available.

MPCA Updates:

CWD. Per MPCA landfill is the best solution. All deer in labeled zones must be tested.

SCORE. SCORE will require a grant agreement. Will receive info with October payment. Will need partial year grant applications until it all combines in 2021.

County Updates:

- **Blue Earth:** Hazardous Waste has been busy. 150-200 guests per week, which is done in one day. There are 7 or so people working out there per day. Molly was interviewed for the first time. Shredding program is going well. They got a liner in the new landfill cell which is 5 acres large.
- **Waseca:** Storage on North side is ready for trusses. This will be the temporary home for everything as construction on the main building is delayed until Spring. Equipment is ready to be delivered, new baler and auger, etc. Waseca County Administrator is gone, and they are looking for a new one. Tammy will be the Waste Wizard contact.
- **Dodge:** Waste Wizard is going well. It has been advertised on Facebook with great engagement! Demo is still coming from all the flooding over the summer. Bought a semi-truck to haul demo to SKB.
- **Freeborn:** Volume has been steady, but value is down. Still working on getting a Hazardous Waste building.
- **Olmsted:** Waiting for equipment. A recycling center truck and skid loader have been ordered. SOP is getting more contaminated because of too much color in the shreds we get. Magazines are not moving. Working them into the ONP. Hazardous Waste worked with other organizations to clean up the Oronoco Salvage yard since they were damaged by flooding this Spring. Discussion about CWD and where the deer parts should end up. Also discussed Lithium batteries. Scott mentioned that he does walk the shop every day after the guys leave to check for smoldering. Sharon and Anthony are working on a video about what should not be in the bin. Organized garbage pickup within the city of Rochester is not happening. Working on plans for a transfer station for garbage brought to the recycling center in 2020 at a cost of around two million dollars.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm, motioned by Jeff Weaver and seconded by Georgette.

Next meeting to be determined.