



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: October 26, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Waseca County Highway Shop
1495 5th ST SE – Waseca, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: Georgette Hanson

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 Planning Update	Sharon Schriever
10:25	4. Budget/Projections/JPB Agenda Discussion	Sharon Schriever/All
10:35	5. SWAA Conference Review	Scott Martin
10:45	6. Product Stewardship Review	Scott Martin
11:00	7. MPCA Update	MPCA Staff
11:10	8. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	9. Other/Next Meeting	
12:00	10. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

**SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting
Olmsted County
September 21, 2018**

Present: Dave Kronlokken, Blue Earth County; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; Jeff Schneider, City of Red Wing; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Ben Crowell, MPCA

Call Meeting To Order & Approve Minutes: Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Minutes from the August Technical meeting were moved for approval first by Jeff Schneider, and then seconded by Jeff Weaver. They were unanimously approved.

Director's Update: Sharon Schriever handed out the update. She went over the update, including pricing trends, recycling statistics, and market prices. In short, current market prices continue to be down somewhat, with mixed HDPE markets significantly down. Also, a big concern is marketing mixed paper and the need to clean up this stream (by removing boxboard) to get some financial value out of it. Glass recycling was discussed and what Strategic Materials is doing with the brown glass.

Regional Planning Update:

The participating Regional Plan members have now completed the Scope of Work and the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Goals/Focus document. We are now at the stage of looking for funding to do the RFP for the development of a Regional Solid Waste Plan. At the next JPB meeting (December 7th), the Board will consider the feasibility of moving forward on funding the development of the RFP.

Budget/Projections/JPB Discussion:

Sharon presented a draft 2019 budget. The 2019 draft budget will include using \$7,000 in reserves, as she anticipates market prices that will continue to be lower than a few years ago. She also reviewed the 2018 Budget and is projecting a deficit of about \$10,000, which will be covered by reserves.

MPCA Update:

Ben Crowell informed the group of the state discussion on SW Plans, which have gone from 5-year plans to 10-year plans in the recent past. There is now 43 County SW Plans that are due in the next 2-years. The MPCA is looking at options of what can be done to get these plans completed. Ben indicated they may need to split up the work into expertise areas within the agency, development of Regional Plans, and look at rearrangement of due dates. Ben also responded to the comments on the need to update the Goal Volume Table and CON.

County Updates:

Olmsted –The Recycling Center is on budget, and business is going smoothly. The Haz Waste Facility is also going well. HHW mobile collections have concluded for 2018, with 23 collections in the region. Also, the Product Stewardship Council presented their Product Stewardship Matrix at the SWAA Conference. Scott can go over the presentation at a future SEMREX Tech meeting.

Red Wing – Jeff described Phase 1 (Building Construction) and Phase 2 (Equipment and Operations) of his Processed Waste project. This new system should process 25 tons/hour with a 40,000 ton/year capacity. He is working on final design and the RFP. Jeff still needs to get approval to let out the RFP once done. The project cost is estimated at \$10,000,000. An agreement has been made with Goodhue County for a Waste Delivery Agreement for waste to go to the Red Wing Campus for \$108/ton. There still needs to be a contract done with the haulers, although a Designation Plan & Ordinance is in place to assist this process.

Dodge – Rita mentioned her Class 1 Demo Landfill will be impacted if the MPCA proceeds with their plans to require a liner as the Dodge County Demo site is currently unlined. Everything else operationally is going normally.

Mower – Jeff mentioned that he has a new Sorting Conveyor. Other than that, operations are the same and going smoothly.

Blue Earth – Since the Recycling Center is under contract with WMI, Dave has been informed that WMI needs to clean up their bales. How this will happen is unclear, but may be an indication that WMI will need more money to do the job. At the Landfill, they are trying to deal with all the leachate that has been created this year. Dave has tried a spraying system to decrease leachate that needs to be managed, but this has worked poorly so far. For HHW, a discussion is taking place regarding extended hours during the winter on an appointment basis.

Set Next Meeting: The next Technical Meeting will be held on October 26th in Waseca County.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Rita Cole and seconded by Dave Kronlokken to adjourn the meeting. This was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Martin
Olmsted County