



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, October 30, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Via Teams/Olmsted County – Bubble Room
Rochester, MN

Chairperson: Scott Martin

Note Keeper: To be determined

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Scott Martin
10:05	2. ReCollect – Waste Wizard Outreach	Terri Quist, ReCollect
10:35	3. Director's Update	Terri Heim/Sharon Schriever
10:45	4. Prepare Joint Powers Board Agenda	All
10:55	5. Regional Planning Update	All
11:00	6. MPCA Updates	Ben Crowell
11:10	7. Member Updates	All
11:55	8. Next Meeting	
12:00	9. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Waseca County – Solid Waste/Recycling Facility

Members present: Molly Kjellesvig, Blue Earth County; Georgette Hanson, Waseca County; Jeff Weaver, Mower County; Rita Cole, Dodge County; Sharon Schriever, SEMREX; Teri Heim, Olmsted County; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Paul Pieper, Rice County; Mark Goskeson, Freeborn County; Jeff Schneider, City of Red Wing ; Ben Crowell, MPCA.

Call Meeting to order & approve minutes: Scott Martin called meeting to order at 10:07 am. With no discussion or corrections, Jeff W. made motion, 2nd by Rita, motion carried, minutes from the August 28th, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Director's Update: Sharon is delegating some duties to Teri Heim, in light of this, Teri gave the Director's update. Teri distributed the September 2020 market update/newsletter. Looks like OCC is holding, hoping with the onset of Christmas, this might lift the market/demand a bit. Plastic still struggle, metals are up a bit. The budget is about what it was in July.

Ben Crowell: MPCA updates, nothing really to talk about, watch for the update online.

Members Updates:

Dodge: Things are going on as usual, nothing dramatic to report. Board signed Regional Plan documents at last Board of Commissioners meeting.

Freeborn County: Mark/Freeborn County closed on his permanent HHW facility. This will be a year round facility. Also has RFP's out for recycling, so far he thinks there are 5 bidders.

Mower County: Jeff has become the new "short timer", as he is just waiting for his turn to retire in March!! HHW pickup has been delayed. Also, the next Multi County meeting has been delayed/canceled, next meeting TBD.

Waseca County: Well, exciting day, today is the first day in our new/rebuilt facility, so very proud to have the group from SEMREX here for the kickoff. We have been busy, in all areas of our facility, am looking forward to saving \$'s by not having to haul our recyclables off site and can now start getting some revenue from the materials. Projects in the works, solar garden is in process, we expanded our facility in the East area for better traffic flow. Hoping to cut down on confusion for the customers, also starting a plan for the compost area clean up and processing to generate some revenue in that area as well.

Rice County: Facility open to public by appointment. HHW manning at the gate and requiring folks to make an appointment online prior to visit. Planning on raising minimum stop charge, also working on a structure using COVID \$'s for the "gatekeepers", as the social distancing and COVID pandemic will likely be around awhile.

Blue Earth County: Molly's update is short and sweet. Business as usual, no news.

City of Red Wing: Facility doing good. Closed landfill cell.

Olmsted County: Recycling not going to meet budget, down about 10%. In the next 3-4 years, will be looking at adding MRF onto the existing building having a MSW & recycling sort area. Also, a self-haul facility in the planning stages.

After updates, the group went on tour to check out the new/rebuilt facility.

Next meeting: Date, time and location TBD

Motion to adjourn made by Molly, 2nd by Rita. Meeting adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectfully submitted by, Georgette Hanson