



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, March 14, 2025**

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

Location: **Blue Earth County – 651 Summit Ave Mankato, MN**

Chairperson: **Rita Cole**

Note Keeper: **Taylor Piotter**

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	***Tour Blue Earth County HHW Facility***	
10:30	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Rita Cole
10:35	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:45	3. Olmsted Mattresses Discussion/Approval	Scott/Sharon
10:55	4. MPCA Update	Ben Crowell
11:05	5. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	6. Next Meeting – Friday, April 25?	
12:00	7. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting

Held in Freeborn County

February 21, 2025

Present: Scott Martin (Olmsted), Sharon Schriever (SEMREX), Tammie Bramer (Waseca), Ben Crowell (MPCA), Marcus Thompson (Mower), Taylor Piotter (Blue Earth) Maggie Ludwig (Rice)

Call Meeting to Order: Tammie Bramer called meeting to order at 9:31am

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Scott Martin and 2nd by Marcus Thompson

Director's Update: Pricing trending up. Paper prices are up \$15 this month to \$175. OCC prices are flat, OCC is up \$5/ton to \$75. Plastic was up \$10/ton while Steel price was flat and Aluminum up 10 cent/lb. 21 loads were shipped in January 2025. Member fees invoice were sent out and are receiving those funds.

Olmsted MRF Discussion: Scott went through a detailed plan of the MRF process. The plan is to run solid waste through the process 4 days a week. They call this fuel cleaning and plan to take out 5-10% recyclables. This process may also yield 5% organics. One day a week they will run single stream through the process to clean sort and bale separate commodities. Olmsted will also use SEMREX to find more value in mattress recycling.

MPCA Updates: Brian Martinson is very busy with Legislative issues. Bill on the table for Counties to receive more of the Solid Waste tax. Waste Reduction and Reuse Grants are open \$75,000 minimum and \$750,000 max. 23 SCORE Report should be posted soon. Check on your hauler reporting, 50% of the haulers in SEMREX area have already reported.

Members Update: *Waseca*- Baler is still broke down, making it through Residential Annual Report, working on 10yr Solid waste Plan, working on SCORE report, HHW will be opening in May. *Mower*- HHW hired Scott Johnson, seeing an uptick in sharps since Mayo stopped taking, Mower is using Stericycle for disposal of sharps, they may start taking bulbs, HHW is slow while e-waste is up, looking for an electric forklift, working on SCORE. *Olmsted*- Earthfest, will have a mend it clinic, will have Air quality testing education, Jenny Volkman is retiring and Michelle Carter may possible fill, watching the Product stewardship e-waste bill, looking to buy 12 ton electric forklift by August, ordering a new skid steer, spending a lot of time on planning for the new MRF, hoping to have a shovel in the ground by August 2025. *Rice*- working on SCORE report, looking to buy new 5,000lbs forklift, slow with the cold weather, Dozer fire so looking for rent to own unit. *Freeborn*- shipped an E-waste load, HHW slow with the cold weather, working on getting info for the SCORE report. Having some problems getting information from Industry. *Blue Earth*- Molly is really getting the HHW in order and cleaned up, would like an electric forklift, small scale went out for HHW, working on Annual reports and SCORE report, they use and fillable form on their website for Industry, recycling going to Demcon.

Next Meeting: will be March 14th in Blue Earth

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Scott Martin and 2nd by Taylor Piotter at 12p

A short tour of the Freeborn County HHW facility was provided to anyone interested following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Goskeson