



Agenda

Southeast Minnesota Recyclers' Exchange Technical Committee Meeting

Date: **Friday, September 13, 2024**

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

Location: **Mower County Highway Department – 1105 8th Avenue NE, Austin, MN**

Chairperson: **Molly Kjellsvig**

Note Keeper: **Marcus Thompson**

Time	Information Items	Presenter
10:00	1. Call to Order & Approve Minutes	Molly Kjellsvig
10:05	2. Director's Update	Sharon Schriever
10:15	3. Web Page Revamp	All
10:20	4. Legislative Platform Discussion	All
11:00	5. MPCA Update	Gabi Rosenthal
11:10	6. Member Updates	All Staff
11:55	7. Next Meeting –October 18 , 25? @ Red Wing?	All
12:00	8. Adjourn	

Notes:

If you cannot attend, please contact Sharon.

SEMREX Tech Committee Meeting

May 24, 2024

Meeting on Teams

Present: Molly Kjellsvig, Blue Earth County; Taylor Poitter, Rice County; Scott Martin, Olmsted County; Katie Barden, Steele County; Maggie Ludwig, Olmsted County Green Corp; and Sharon Schriever, SEMREX.

The meeting began at 9:42 a.m. Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from the April meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Director's Update:

- OCC Prices are flat at \$130/ton (Last year they were \$47.50) / GP Prices were 145/ton which is down \$5/ton. Demand is stagnant and so is the price. Prices are trending with Official Board Market-Chicago.
- Sorted Office paper is down \$10/ton from last month.
- MP (ONP) was up \$5/ton.
- Still getting better prices than Chicago Board markets – used to track very closely.
- Wednesday's price, 1 for early June.
 - .925/lb For 25k
 - .935/lb For 30k
- Revenue is down 5%. This coincides with the decline in tonnage. This will be addressed in June with the Joint Powers Board.

Legislative Update

Legislative highlights from Ben Crowell:

- Requiring Waste Composition studies at solid waste facilities
- A six-month extension to the Resource Management Report
- The establishment of a Critical Materials Task Force
- Packaging Product Stewardship
- Funding for a multifamily composting grant program
- Authority for expedited rulemaking for CAP and Post-closure care
- Full bill: <https://www.senate.mn/journals/2023-2024/20240517117.pdf#page=457>
- Article on EPR framework: [Updated: Minnesota legislature passes EPR framework - Recycling Today](#)

MPCA Update: See Legislative Update above and listing of available grants below. Contact Ben for additional information.

Grants:

- Statewide Organics Management grant open for applications now until June 10th: [Apply now - Statewide organics management grants | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#)
- Sustainable building and materials grant open now until June 20th: [Apply now - Statewide sustainable building and materials management grants | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#)
- Emails will be sent when other grants open up. Here is a full list of grants with estimated timing: [Materials and solid waste management grants | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Joint Powers Board:

- Make sure I have your Member Report sent to Sharon TODAY!

- Routeware (ReCollect/Waste Wizard) Contract is Ready for approval. The rate will be around \$760/Year per member.
- Tony Hill will be giving an overview on the MRF project
- Sharon will reach out to Ben Crowel to do the Legislative Update.

County Updates:

Rice – Taylor reported their LDI trailer finally got moved after several weeks of flat tires. After multiple fixes, it ended up being the air system.

Steele – Katie reported that they are working on their solid waste management plan. SEH is working on their landfill expansion. HHW is open until September. They had a dumpster fire. Otherwise all is well in Steele County.

Olmsted- Scott reported that they are still down one staff person. They are working on getting the position hired. The pay rate was raised recently – so that helps. Olmsted purchased a Libik high-energy fire suppression kit recently to manage potential battery fires. They also have Cellblock system, fiberglass blankets and Class D extinguisher and employ the sand technique.

Blue Earth- Molly is working on their solid waste management plan. Her replacement position will have a new title, but will essentially be doing much of the same work as Molly. They will also be purchasing a new loader and haul truck at the landfill.

Next Meeting The next Tech Committee meeting will be either July 19 or 26. The group present did not have any conflicts at this time. Possible tours McNielus Steel in Dodge Center, or - Infinite Recycled Technologies in Albert Lea.

Notes taken by Sharon Schriever