

**Minutes of the
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(RICWMA)**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Vern Winter, Chair, Rock Island
Mr. Mike Bealer, Vice Chair, Coal Valley
Mr. Mike Bartels, Rock Island
Mr. Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff
Mr. Scott Noyd, Rock Island County

Mr. Dave Pannell, Milan
Ms. Alissa Sallows, East Moline
Mr. Rodd Schick, Moline
Ms. Caryn Unsicker, Silvis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Michelle Bergeson, Hampton
Ms. Louisa Ewert, Sec./Treas., Rock Island Co.
Ms. Patsy Fidler, Cordova
Mr. Jim Grafton, Silvis
Ms. Missy Housenga, Rapids City

Mr. Dave Lambert, East Moline
Mr. Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Mr. Bruce Peterson, Port Byron
Mr. Mike Waldron, Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Dave Collier, Citizen
Ms. Sarah Gardner, Bi-State

Mr. Bill LaMar, MWI
Mr. Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Mr. Winter chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the June 19, 2018 minutes for review. Mr. Bealer motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Schick seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.
2. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Ms. Gardner presented the July 17, 2018 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$34,547.66. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Ms. Sallows moved to approve the bills as presented, and Mr. Bealer seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Ms. Gardner presented the June 30, 2018 Financial Reports. She noted that as of the close of Fiscal Year 2018, all line items were at or below 100% of their budgeted amount, with none running over. The final solid waste fees for the fiscal year, which are paid after the close of the quarter, were the only amount still outstanding. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Mr. Bealer so moved, and Mr. Pannell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The June 30, 2018 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS – FY 2018

Millennium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$	378,042.03
Republic Services	\$	202,406.66
Interest	\$	5,943.27
TOTAL	\$	<u>586,391.96</u>

Prior Years Receipts	\$	8,867,801.11
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DISBURSEMENT – FY 2018	\$	(514,889.03)
Prior Years Disbursements	\$	(8,482,272.91)

CURRENT BALANCES

Pool	\$	457,000.00
Checkbook	\$	31.13
TOTAL	\$	<u>457,031.13</u>

Accounts Payable July 17, 2018	\$	34,547.66
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Cash Balances as of July 17, 2018	\$	423,481.48
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3. Agency Program Reports. Mr. Winter asked Ms. Gardner to review the June 2018 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 390 used tires and 128 white good units collected. There were 35 total no-shows.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 216 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County’s HHM facilities.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: There were 441 residents who disposed of 34,743 pounds of e-waste at Scott County’s electronics facility. This is an average of about 79 pounds per resident.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 6.61 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

Regional Drop-Off Recycling Program: A total of 81.08 tons of fiber and non-fiber material was collected and processed. This consisted of 51.15 tons of fiber and 29.93 tons of non-fiber co-mingled materials. There were 50 fiber container pulls and 30 non-fiber container pulls at an average weight of 1.02 tons/pull for fiber and 1.00 tons/pull for non-fiber.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 497 unique visitors and 1008 page views.

4. Other Business.

Request for \$10,000 to purchase RFID readers and hardware for Moline. Mr. Schick reiterated the request from Moline for \$10,000 to support the purchase of RFID technology as discussed in previous meetings. He stated that these funds would be used to purchase the RFID hardware and would be a one-time purchase. The City of Moline planned to pay the annual costs of \$50,000 for the companion software. Mr. Winter stated that SWAG grants are available to Moline, that this purchase was for collecting data, not recycling, and that the Board should consider what precedent this would set for other communities. Mr. Pannell stated that as a drop-off recycling host site Milan bears additional costs maintaining the site, which assists RICWMA programming, and because of this he believes given the opportunity to support a host site (in this case, Moline) in other recycling efforts, RICWMA should do so. Ms. Unsicker said she was also concerned about the precedent this would set and stated it was not clear to her how technology that helps identify improper recycling would help promote recycling. Ms. Sallows asked if RICWMA provided \$5,000, would Moline be willing to match the other \$5,000. Mr. Schick pointed out by paying \$50,000 and asking for \$10,000, Moline was already more than matching its request. Mr. Noyd said that Rock Island County asked the Board to use SWAG funds for electronic devices and had the request voted down in December, then he raised the question as to how this technology purchase was different. Mr. Schick said this technology enables data collection on recycling in Moline and that Scott County has found value in it as part of their strategy to increase recycling. He pointed out that with rising recycling costs, having this data could help in negotiating to control costs. He also stated Moline did not intend to use SWAG funds for this project, as those funds already were used to support other established programs. Ms. Sallows asked what the goal of having this technology would be. Mr. Schick replied that it was to reduce contamination in the recycling stream and increase recycling overall through targeted education efforts. Mr. Bealer moved not to provide the requested \$10,000. Mr. Gottwalt seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Gottwalt, Mr. Bealer, Mr. Winter, Mr. Noyd, and Ms. Unsicker voted aye, representing 139 votes. Ms. Sallows and Mr. Pannell voted nay, representing 53 votes. Mr. Schick abstained, adding 87 votes to the majority for a final count of 226 votes for denying the request for \$10,000 and 53 votes against denying the request. At the conclusion of the vote, Ms. Gardner stated that part of RICWMA's mission is to provide technical support, and as such, she would be willing to offer to help review bids

received by Moline in response to their RFP for the RFID technology as alternate way to support this effort. Ms. Unsicker said she thought was a good idea. Mr. Winter stated that RICWMA would have to pay Ms. Gardner for the time spent doing so, but he believed it would be helpful. Ms. Sallows asked if there was an amount less than \$10,000 the Board would be comfortable contributing to Moline's RFID purchase. No amount was suggested. Mr. Winter asked if there was any further discussion of the matter; none being offered, the Board concluded the discussion.

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Winter, who had been absent at the previous meeting, accepted the nomination to serve another year as chair. Mr. Bartels asked for clarification as to how the process worked, whether the Chair and Vice Chair were appointed or elected. Mr. Bealer replied that they were elected by the Board and could serve consecutive terms up to a limit. Mr. Noyd asked for clarification as to whether it was three consecutive terms as suggested in the previous meeting or four consecutive terms. Ms. Gardner responded that she had checked the by-laws following the last meeting, which stipulate the Chair and Vice-Chair can serve four terms. Mr. Schick motioned to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair as nominated. Ms. Unsicker seconded. The motion carried by majority vote.

RICWMA brochure updates. Ms. Gardner presented a draft copy of an updated brochure providing key information on RICWMA programs. The new brochure features photos depicting items that can and cannot be recycled at RICWMA drop-off sites with a goal of reducing text and increasing visual depictions that can be more immediately comprehended. It also includes information on drop-off site locations, e-waste, household hazardous materials, white goods and tire recycling programs. Because the brochures would be printed in full color, she proposed contracting with a printing service to have them printed on heavier paper and at a higher print quality. She presented four bids for a print run of 150, 200, or 250 copies from Printer's Mark, Creative Images, Stecker Graphics, and Quad City Press, and explained it was the recommendation of the Bi-State graphics staff to accept the bid from Creative Images as the least expensive bid for printing on 70# paper. Mr. Winter asked if a run of 250 copies was too small. Ms. Gardner said she had 400 copies of the current brochure printed in December. After taking them to five different outreach events, she estimates she has nearly 200 copies left. Mr. Bealer stated that 250 copies would be enough for an initial run, and if additional copies were needed, they could be ordered. Ms. Gardner said she believed the turnaround time would be one week from submitting the order to getting it filled. She explained that stock images would also need to be purchased to supply some of the photos, and that a cost comparison between this and the costs for Bi-State staff to gather, photograph, and digitally prepare the images in-house suggested it would be less expensive to purchase the photos. Mr. Bealer moved to complete the brochure and pay for 250 copies to be produced by Creative Images. Ms. Unsicker seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

5. Other Activities.

Meeting with Republic regarding pulls. Ms. Gardner reported meeting with Ron Lawson and Joe Skaff from Republic on July 3 to discuss a concern raised in the previous meeting regarding multiple bins being pulled at drop-off sites when only one bin is called in. Mr.

Lawson explained, following the meeting in January with drop-off site coordinators to address a problem with overflowing bins, Republic's drivers have been operating under a directive to pull bins that are nearly full and likely to fill up over the weekend when called to the site on Thursday and Friday. Ms. Gardner has checked the data on the monthly number of pulls since this policy went into place in February, and it does not seem to have resulted in an increased number of pulls overall (the monthly average is about 80 pulls). Because this new policy has not increased pulls or expenses for RICWMA overall, and has helped address a prior problem with bins that start overflowing on Saturday/Sunday but don't get pulled until Tuesday (following a Monday request for a pull), Ms. Gardner directed Republic to continue this practice. She followed up with an email to the site coordinators explaining the policy and offering to work with any site that would prefer to opt out of this policy; none have elected to do so.

Xstream Cleanup meeting. Ms. Gardner attended a meeting for Xstream Cleanup coordinators on July 9. She reported on two cleanups in Rock Island with which she has assisted since the start of the year. The new Xstream website is about to launch, and with it will come a call for fall cleanup events. Ms. Gardner suggested that anyone who knows of community volunteers interested in conducting a cleanup event should have them visit the Xstream website or get in touch with Ms. Gardner, who can work with them to secure supplies, arrange for pick-up of the collected material, and make sure the amount of trash collected is recorded.

SWANA information session on market impacts of the China ban on imported recyclable material. Ms. Gardner reported attending a Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) event focused on changes in the recycling industry. Most of the impact of the China ban is currently being felt in fiber recycling, where market prices for bales have dropped dramatically, though the ban extends to other recyclable material as well. Industry speakers suggested it may take several years for the market to recover, as a domestic market will have to develop to handle the material. They also suggested that China will eventually begin importing recyclable material again, though likely it will be in a processed state in order to meet the new, strict contamination caps. For example, they may begin importing pelletized plastic material ready to be used rather than plastic waste that first needs to be cleaned and processed. It is unclear how this might translate for fiber material.

SWAG Grants. At the end of June, Ms. Gardner sent a reminder to all recipients of a SWAG grant in FY 2018 that funds needed to be expended by June 30 and reported on by July 31. She has begun receiving final reports and receipts for those expenditures and is working with the remainder of the communities to receive those still outstanding. She expects to have a report prepared for the Board next month on the FY 18 grants, and has prepared the application for FY 19 to be sent out at the beginning of August.

6. Comments from the Public. None.
7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Winter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bealer moved to adjourn, and Ms. Unsicker seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:39 p.m.