

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

Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mike Bartels, Rock Island	Mr. Scott Noyd, Rock Island County
Ms. Annette Ernst, Coal Valley	Mr. Rodd Schick, Moline
Mr. Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Mr. Vern Winter, Chair, Rock Island
Mr. Jim Grafton, Silvis	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Michelle Bergeson, Hampton	Mr. Dave Pannell, Milan
Ms. Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Mr. Bruce Peterson, Port Byron
Ms. Missy Housenga, Rapids City	Ms. Alissa Sallows, East Moline
Mr. Curtis Morrow, Andalusia	Mr. Mike Waldron, Moline

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert Bauman, MWI	Mr. Jeff Neitzel, Republic
Mr. Dave Collier, Citizen	Mr. Chris Owens, Republic
Ms. Sarah Gardner, Bi-State	Mr. Joe Skaff, Republic
Mr. Josh Hale, MWI	Mr. Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling
Mr. Ron Lawson, Republic	

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Mr. Winter chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the October 16, 2018 minutes for review. Mr. Noyd 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 November 20, 2018 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$87,202.03. She noted a charge from AT&T had been removed from the bill pending a final, pro-rated bill for services provided up to the change in phone systems. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Mr. Schick moved to approve the bills as presented, and Mr. Noyd seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Ms. Gardner presented the October 31, 2018 Financial Reports. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Mr. Noyd so moved, and Ms. Ernst seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The October 31, 2018 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS – FY 2019

Millennium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$	167,576.08
Republic Services	\$	45,661.97
Interest	\$	3,331.98
TOTAL	\$	216,570.03

Prior Years Receipts	\$	9,454,193.07
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DISBURSEMENT – FY 2019	\$	(\$235,714.37)
Prior Years Disbursements	\$	(8,997,161.94)

CURRENT BALANCES

Pool	\$	437,000.00
Checkbook	\$	886.79
TOTAL	\$	437,886.79

Accounts Payable November 20, 2018	\$	87,202.03
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Cash Balances as of November 20, 2018	\$	351,463.28
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Ms. Gardner presented the Board with an amended FY19 budget that included an added line item for the drop-off site subsidy in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to approve the amended budget. Mr. Schick so moved and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

3. Agency Program Reports. Mr. Winter asked Ms. Gardner to review the October 2018 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 550 used tires and 122 white good units collected. There were 22 total no-shows.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 228 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County’s HHM facilities.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: There were 453 residents who disposed of 39,884 pounds of e-waste at Scott County’s electronics facility. This is an average of about 88 pounds per resident.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 5.44 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

Regional Drop-Off Recycling Program: A total of 90.34 tons of fiber and non-fiber material was collected and processed. This consisted of 68.70 tons of fiber and 21.64 tons of non-fiber co-mingled materials. There were 56 fiber container pulls and 25 non-fiber container pulls at an average weight of 1.23 tons/pull for fiber and 0.87 tons/pull for non-fiber.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 488 unique visitors and 970 page views.

4. Other Business.

Proposed changes to the drop-off site container. Ms. Gardner explained that due to the strain on the sorting machinery caused by pre-sorted loads, the Waste Commission of Scott County is going to start charging a mixing fee for such loads at its facility. To help control these costs, Republic Services, which takes the material from the RICWMA drop-off sites to Scott County to be processed, is proposing to change most of the containers at the drop-off sites to single-stream containers. In addition to helping avoid the mixing fee, Ms. Gardner believes this change may also help address some of the full bin frustrations reported by residents using the sites. Fiber bins are currently pulled at a rate more than twice that of the non-fiber bins, so a single stream system will allow bins to be filled at a more event rate. Republic has suggested keeping one bin at the Rock Island and Moline locations and two bins at the Milan location for cardboard only. This material would be taken to Republic's facilities for processing, and profits above \$35/container made from the sale of this material would be rebated to RICWMA. Ms. Gardner said that she has checked with the site coordinators and they are all on board with going to a single stream system, but they did suggest that it might be simpler and avoid confusion if all the bins were single stream rather than having a few cardboard-only bins. Mr. Lawson said Republic would pay for the cost of changing the signs at the bins now, and in six to nine months if it is not working to have the cardboard in a separate bin, Republic also will pay to change the signs again so all bins will be single stream. Ms. Gardner asked how the recently approved extra charge per-pull for fiber material would be applied after the change to single-stream containers. Mr. Skaff said he believed the sale of the cardboard material would offset this cost and confirmed the per-pull charge for fiber material would not be applied to the single stream containers. Mr. Winter suggested it would be helpful to get local media coverage to note the change, and Ms. Gardner said she would send out a press release when the switch was made. Mr. Winter asked if it would be helpful to make the cardboard bins a different color, and Mr. Lawson said branding protocols for Republic called for bins to be blue, but he could check. Mr. Winter called for a motion to approve the change. Mr. Schick so moved, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval of the Board.

Discussion of community based e-waste events. Ms. Gardner said that in recent years some of the smaller, outlying communities in Rock Island County have been hosting e-waste collection events. It has been the unofficial practice for RICWMA to pay for the recycling of the collected electronics after these events when it is brought to the Waste Commission of Scott County. These payments have been made in addition to the SWAG grants sent to these communities. Ms. Gardner asked for clarification from the Board as to this practice: should RICWMA continue with this practice, which communities should be eligible, should there be a limit on the number of events each year, should it be required that events are approved in advance, or should these events be covered by SWAG grant

money only? Ms. Gardner reported having a discussion with IEPA representatives about the possibility of using CERA funds for these purposes, but that does not seem like it will be feasible in the near future. Mr. Winter said he felt this was a service comparable to residents bringing e-waste to the Waste Commission of Scott County, but in this case residents were bringing it to community volunteers to transport to the Waste Commission, and so it makes sense for RICWMA to pay for the recycling costs for this material as well. Mr. Schick said communities should notify RICWMA in advance of these events so that we know to expect the bill. Mr. Gottwalt suggested the events should be limited to two per year per community. Ms. Ernst asked to clarify that these payments are made outside of the SWAG grant funds each community receives. Mr. Winter called for a motion to continue the practice with these caveats. Mr. Schick so moved and Ms. Ernst seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval of the Board.

Other Activities.

ILCSWMA conference. Ms. Gardner attended the ILCSWMA conference in early November and sat in on several discussions of the CERA program for recycling e-waste. Many Illinois counties expressed dissatisfaction with how the program has been rolled out and have requested to opt back out of the program, but have met with roadblocks to doing so. Frustrations include not being assigned their requested local recycler for the program and having their proposed collection sites rejected. There seems to be a preference among the manufacturers for one-day collection events over collection sites that are open throughout the year. In addition, events that do not collect 18,000 tons of material are being assessed fees that the county has to pay. Concern was raised among program managers that where these fees were passed on to residents, illegal dumping of electronics along county roads would increase. Ms. Gardner said she would continue to monitor developments and talk with IEPA about the program, but advised RICWMA continue to take a “wait and see” approach rather than opt in to the program next year.

Education and outreach. Ms. Gardner shared with the Board copies of the new brochure approved in the July meeting. In conjunction with the roll-out of the new brochures, Ms. Gardner has been working with Bi-State staff to update the RICWMA website, including a new page of frequently-requested phone numbers and a new list of Quick Links based on the most common questions received on the RICWMA phone line. As part of the ongoing education and outreach efforts, Ms. Gardner has given a presentation on recycling in Rock Island County to two classes of students at Augustana College. Some of those students will be conducting surveys at the drop-off site locations to help gather information about the people and businesses using the sites, and also to help distribute the new brochures. The students will be presenting their findings to the Board in the coming months.

5. Comments from the Public. Mr. Collier asked when the changes at the drop-off site locations would go into effect, and Mr. Skaff said the changes will happen as soon as the signs can be placed on the bins.
6. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Winter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schick moved to adjourn, and Ms. Ernst seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:30 p.m.