

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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. Scott Noyd, Rock Island County
Mr. Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Ms. Dave Lambrecht, East Moline
Mr. Mike Waldron, Moline	Ms. Annette Ernst, Coal Valley
Ms. Louisa Ewert, Sec./Treas., Rock Island Co.	Ms. Caryn Unsicker, Silvis

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Sarah Gardner, Bi-State	Mr. Dave Collier, Rural Twp
Mr. Joe Skaff, Republic	Mr. Jeff Netzel, Republic
Mr. Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling	Mr. Rob Bauman, MWI
Mr. Josh Hale, MWI	

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Mr. Winter chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the February 19, 2019 minutes for review. Mr. Waldron motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Ernst 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 March 19, 2019 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$78,500.40. She noted that \$1,137.24 were processing fees passed through by Republic from the Waste Commission of Scott County. Ms. Gardner said the Board could wait to pay the processing fees until the addendum was in place. Alternately, the Board could move to pay the bill in full contingent on agreeing to move forward on the addendum later in the meeting. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Mr. Lambrecht moved to approve the bills contingent on the discussion to follow, and Ms. Unsicker seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Ms. Gardner presented the February 28, 2019 Financial Reports. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Mr. Gottwalt so moved, and Mr. Lambrecht seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The ~~January 31, 2019~~ February 28, 2019 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS – FY 2019

Millennium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$	249,826.36
Republic Services	\$	130,807.14
Cardboard Revenue Share	\$	532.70
Interest	\$	6648.15
TOTAL	\$	387,814.35

Prior Years Receipts \$ 9,454,193.07

DISBURSEMENT – FY 2019	\$	(\$414,983.78)
Prior Years Disbursements	\$	(8,997,161.94)

CURRENT BALANCES

Pool	\$	429,000.00
Checkbook	\$	861.70
TOTAL	\$	429,861.70

Accounts Payable March 19, 2019 \$ 78,500.40

Cash Balances as of March 19, 2019 \$ 351,957.11

3. Agency Program Reports. Mr. Winter asked Ms. Gardner to review the February 2019 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 91 used tires and 40 white good units collected. There was 1 no-show.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 87 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facilities.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's electronics de-manufacturing facility collected 13,728 pounds of e-waste from 209 Rock Island County residents, at an average of about 66 pounds per resident.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 3.87 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

Regional Drop-Off Recycling Program: A total of 66.69 tons of recyclable material was collected at the drop-off sites. This consisted of 27.76 tons of cardboard and 38.93 tons of comingled materials. There were 46 comingled container pulls and 42 cardboard contain pulls at an average weight of 0.66 tons/pull for cardboard and 0.85 tons/pull for comingled materials.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 307 unique visitors and 638 page views.

4. Other Business.

Proposed addendum to recycling contract with Republic: Mr. Winter invited Ms. Gardner to summarize the informational meeting from the previous week attended by representatives of RICWMA, Republic, and the Waste Commission of Scott County. Ms. Gardner said Ms. Kathy Morris of the Waste Commission of Scott County explained at the meeting the processing fees charged for material brought to their facility. Ms. Morris also outlined an offer they had made to municipal partners to cover the fees through the Commission’s market volatility fund with an expectation that as the market recovered, the fees would be paid back into the fund before communities started receiving any revenue share. Ms. Gardner said the discussion had largely focused on the idea of “pay now or pay later,” and that at the end of the meeting the RICWMA Board members and site coordinators had expressed a preference to accept the pass-through fees now rather than risk having to pay off a large sum in the future. At the meeting, Ms. Gena McCullough asked if Republic would also make passing through the revenue share to RICWMA if the markets recovered part of the agreement, since RICWMA was agreeing to take on the fees while the market was bad, and Mr. Ray Carter of Republic agreed. Mr. Winter added that in the discussion, they talked about the current arrangement to pay \$125 per pull. On top of that, the Waste Commission charges \$80/ton for processing material, which has been offset in the past by \$60/ton of revenue generated from the material. Now, however, recycling revenues are half of what they were, leading to the increased fees.

At the conclusion of the discussion, there was general agreement it was better to pay those fees now. Ms. Gardner added that Mr. Carter had called her prior to the meeting and said Republic would work with RICWMA to meet the requests of the Board. She suggested, in addition to working out an agreement as to the pass-through fees and revenue share, the Board also include a request that RICWMA material continue to be sent to the Waste Commission of Scott County. She offered three reasons for this. First, it is a way to be a good neighbor to a municipal partner that has worked with RICWMA on multiple projects. Second, Ms. Gardner reported Scott County was currently receiving recycling from as far away as Coralville, and the facility is nearing capacity for what it can process. It would be good to secure a place for RICWMA’s material there, as the alternative would be for Republic to send it to their processing facility in Cedar Rapids, and any material that would get landfilled there would represent tipping fees passing out of our local area. Finally, she suggested such an arrangement would allow for transparency for any future revenue share should the markets recover. Mr. Winter called for a motion on the matter. Mr. Waldron moved to ~~move forward~~create an addendum to the current contract with Republic to allow for paying per-tonnage processing fees and a revenue share agreement, as well as a request that RICWMA material continue to get sent to the Waste Commission of Scott County. Mr. Lambrecht seconded, and. ~~The the~~ motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Staff Activities.

IL EPA grant for HHM collection event. Ms. Gardner informed the Board that their application filed in 2017 to the IL EPA for a grant to host a household hazardous material collection event has been awarded for spring of this year. Working with the EPA contractor and the Rock Island County fairgrounds, a date of May 18 has tentatively been scheduled for the event. Ms. Gardner has been working with the East Moline police force and the public works staff in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, and Milan to help staff the event. The FY19 RICWMA budget allocated \$2,225 to fund the event, \$800 of which will be spent on the police presence and the remainder spent on marketing the event and Bi-State staff time. Ms. Gardner will be working on a marketing plan in the coming weeks.

Patty's Pummel Palace. Ms. Gardner was alerted this month to a new business operating in Moline, Patty's Pummel Palace. It is part of a trend toward "rage room" businesses that allow clients to destroy objects, including electronic devices. The business had gone to the Waste Commission of Scott County with several smashed mercury-containing CRT devices and was turned away due to safety concerns. They informed the Waste Commission they would put the material in their regular dumpster instead. Ms. Gardner is working to identify the hauler and is reaching out to the business to notify them that improper disposal of electronics is illegal. She encouraged Board members to let her know if similar businesses appear in their jurisdiction so that she may contact them as well. Among the concerns about these businesses is the potential to create a brownfield site on a commercial lot, as happened with locations where Cowboy Recycling operated.

Planned Earth Day activities. An Earth Day event is planned for the Freight House Farmers' Market on Saturday, April 20. Ms. Gardner has been working with the Waste Commission of Scott County, the Eagle View Group of the Sierra Club, and the Quad Cities Earth Coalition to have a recycling display at the event. So far there has been no recent word from Niabi Zoo if they are going to repeat their Earth Day event from last year, though as it is also Easter weekend, it's possible the zoo is forgoing the event this year.

IL EPA solid waste fee annual report filed. Ms. Gardner reported that she had filed the annual report to the EPA on tipping fees collected by RICWMA for CY18. Last year, RICWMA collected \$532,178.80, which was about \$30,000 less than the amount collected in CY17. This trend of reduced tipping fees is expected to continue, which Ms. Gardner will take into account as she begins preparing the budget for FY20 next month.

5. Comments from the Public. None.
6. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Winter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waldron moved to adjourn, and Mr. Lambrecht seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:25 p.m.