

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron	Jared Van Tieghem, Rock Island County
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley	Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova	Jerry Leibovitz, City of Silvis
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff	Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC	Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
David Kovarik, RICWMA/BSRC	Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Oakes who conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. There were no comments from the public.
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024 meeting. Ms. Reyes seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)
Ms. McCullough presented the September 17, 2024 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$24,590.12. The reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission – August 24 fiscal charges, charges from Blackhawk State Bank for the HHM event in August, the quarterly change for the electronic waste facility, the annual insurance renewal charge, charges from Printers Mark for HHM materials, changes from the QC Times for HHM advertisements, Scott Area Landfill August 24 charges, and Weikert Recycling August 24 pickups. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the September 17, 2024 accounts payable. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bills, and Ms. Reyes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through August 31, 2024, as RICWMA is 17% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$422,753.45, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$42,242.75, which is comprised of administrative

expenses including training and travel, office supplies, professional services, communication subscriptions, personnel, and Rock Island County cost allocation for a sub-total of \$21,678.37. RICWMA expenses including white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, household hazardous waste, SWAG grant program, e-waste disposal program, and HHW collections event for a sub-total of \$20,564.38.

There was a question about how RICWMA advertises throughout the year. The HHM event has its own line item and advertising funds. For the remainder of the year, that money comes out from the Public Education & Information portion of the budget, currently at \$2,000. Typically, RICWMA has an advertisement or notification posted on or around National Recycling Day (November 15) or sometime around the end of the year. These notices are about how residents can recycle better.

Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Gibson motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Ms. Reyes seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The receipts and disbursements through August 31, 2024 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE	
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	
August 31, 2024	
<u>RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2025</u>	
Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$81,556.81
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$37,104.35
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$2,580.93
TOTAL	<u>\$121,242.09</u>
Prior Year Receipts	\$12,578,865.36
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2025</u>	
(\$97,980.62)	
Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,197,918.01)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$404,208.82</u>
POOL	\$404,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$208.82
TOTAL	<u>\$404,208.82</u>

5. August 2024 Agency Program Reports. Mr. Kovarik reviewed the August 2024 program report for the Board. The report is as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 472 used tires, 169 units of white goods collected, and 17 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 523 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 225 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County’s HHM facilities.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 4.64 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Staff was able to acquire the RICWMA website unique visitors and page views for August. The August visitors and page views were 3,219 and 1,840.

6. Other Business. Mr. Kovarik presented on the status of SWAG applications. All member communities submitted their applications on time. All applications were for eligible projects and for the correct amounts. Bi-State staff have the full applications available for any questions. The first half of the funds will be released in October. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to accept the SWAG grant applications as they were written. Ms. Reyes motioned to approve, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried.
7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas provided a report on the HHW event. There were 305 attendees, including 259 that had signed up and 46 that showed up the day of the event. Staff asked attendees how many households they were representing and how they heard about the event, and 298 attendees responded. The majority, 273, were representing a single household. The next largest response was two households, with 22 responses. There were 2 responses indicating they represented 3 households, and a single response for 4 households. When asked about where they had heard about the event, 152 said Social Media, 49 said the Internet, 41 said Newspaper, 18 said word of mouth or they drove by the site, 12 on TV, 4 on Radio, 4 from the flyers, and 2 from the IEPA. The advertisements on the QC times estimated to have reached a total of 127,462 between the digital newspaper and the QC Times’ Facebook page. There were 6,208 clicks on the ads.

Ms. Bambas also reported on RICWMA’s Facebook page, which had 23 new followers and 2,116 interactions with posts.

Ms. McCullough notified the board of a local outreach effort that is being coordinated with the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI). MRCTI is working to both measure and reduce plastics pollution in the Mississippi. They tie to funding for advertisements on where dumped plastic ends up with the ocean as the last destination, and those ads will start being seen around the region, including as bus wraps and reusable bags at the farmers markets. Ms. McCullough also notified the board that the contract for the waste analysis project has been signed, and meetings will begin in the next month.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:18 p.m. Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn. Ms. Reyes seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.