

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

Tuesday, October 15, 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)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline

Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
Jerry Leibovitz, City of Silvis
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Rob Bauman, Sr., MWI
Dave Collier, Rural Township
Kim Hoffman, Hoffman & Tranel, PC
David Kovarik, RICWMA/BSRC

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
Lisa McDaniel, SCS Engineers
Jeff Phillips, SCS Engineers
Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Vyncke 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 September 17, 2024 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024 meeting. Ms. Oakes 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 October 15, 2024 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$124,791.07. The reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission – September 24 fiscal charges, charges from Blackhawk State Bank for the HHM event in August, September '24 charge for Electronic Demand Facility, the June 2024 Audit charge from Hoffman and Tranel, Scott Area Landfill September 24 charges, Scott County Household Hazardous Materials Q3 charges, Weikert Recycling September 24 pickups, payment for SCS Engineers services, and the first half of FY 2025 SWAG subsidy payments to all member governments. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the October 15, 2024 accounts payable. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bills, and Ms. Oakes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through September 30, 2024, as RICWMA is 25% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$424,052.33, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$167,033.82, 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 \$27,479.05. RICWMA expenses included white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, household hazardous waste, SWAG grant program, e-waste disposal program, and the HHW collections event for a sub-total of \$137,937.83. The first half of the SWAG program was paid out this month, which accounts the large increase.

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

The receipts and disbursements through September 30, 2024 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
September 30, 2024

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2025

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$81,556.81
AWIN Management (flka 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	\$3,879.81

TOTAL \$122,540.97

Prior Year Receipts \$12,578,865.36

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2025 **(\$122,570.74)**

Prior Year Disbursements (\$12,197,918.01)

CURRENT BALANCES \$380,917.58

POOL \$380,000.00

CHECKBOOK \$917.58

TOTAL \$380,917.58

5. September 2024 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the September 2024 program report for the Board. The report is as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 212 used tires, 123 units of white goods collected, and 14 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 427 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 249 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 3.47 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,256, and page views were 674 for August.

6. Other Business. Ms. Kim Hoffman of Hoffman & Tranel, PC presented on the RICWMA FY 2024 Annual Financial Report and Independent Auditor’s Report dated June 30, 2024. Ms. Hoffman highlighted the auditor’s opinion on page 1, the financial analysis of RICWMA on page 5, the Notes to Financial Statements on pages 10 to 11, and the Auditor’s report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance. There were no internal weakness identified in the auditing process. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the report on file. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the board.

Next, Ms. McCullough introduced a letter of comment to be submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Permit Section regarding the Moline Transfer Station Development for the board’s consideration. Ms. McCullough first presented on the background of the situation, wherein Lakeshore Recycling LLC proposed to the City of Moline to place a new waste transfer station. The board has found that an additional station is not needed, as there are multiple landfills with sufficient capacity within Rock Island County. The transfer station would also take recyclables, and the plan does not cover where those recyclables would go. The letter details that a loss of 25 tons per day of recyclables would result in an estimated loss of \$680,000 per year for the Scott Area Material Recovery Facility. Mr. Vyncke opened up the letter for discussion, but mentioned that he felt it was important to have this letter on file, as it would provide the board’s official stance to Illinois EPA during the permitting process. The majority of the board agreed, except for Mr. Schmitt of Moline, who recused himself from commenting on the matter. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the letter on file and send it to the Bureau of Land Permit Section. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried, with Mr. Schmitt abstaining from voting.

Finally, Mr. Jeff Phillips and Ms. Lisa McDaniel introduced themselves as the SCS Engineers team members in charge of the Solid Waste Analysis Project. Mr. Phillips asked what the board hoped would be accomplished with the project. Ms. Oakes was interested in identifying better ways of educating the public about waste disposal. Mr. Vyncke wanted to figure out if there was a way to keep material out of landfills. He also wanted to investigate if there was a possibility of reopening drop-off facilities. Mr. Gibson spoke about the difficulties of running a drop-off facility, specifically about the amount of effort required to run the facility. It was noted that Milan’s facility served many

rural parts of both Rock Island and some of Mercer counties. Mr. Phillips appreciated the comments and spoke about past reports to look into what other similar sized communities are doing, if there are ways to encourage more public and private partnerships, and what kinds of metrics and goals can be created to help improve waste disposal in the region.

7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas shared with the board that she would be attending the Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association Conference on October 29 and 30.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:33 p.m. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.