

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron

Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
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
David Kovarik, RICWMA/BSRC
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC

Adela Rasso, City of Moline
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 October 15, 2024 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 meeting. Mr. Oney 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 November 19, 2024 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$25,766.10. The reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission – October '24 fiscal charges, charges from Blackhawk State Bank for the HHM event in August, October '24 charge for special event use from the Electronic Demand Facility, the June 2024 Audit final billing charge from Hoffman and Tranel, Scott Area Landfill October '24 charges, Weikert Recycling October '24 pickups, and payment for SCS Engineers services. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the November 19, 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 October 31, 2024, as RICWMA is 33% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$566,453.48, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$192,799.92, 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 \$33,407.00. Public Education and Information included \$11,552.49 spent out of the Illinois EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant. While no percentage showed up on the financial report, this comes to 19.25% of the total grant. 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 \$147,840.43.

Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Oney 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 October 31, 2024 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE	
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	
October 31, 2024	
<u>RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2025</u>	
Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$185,482.10
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$74,358.07
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	\$5,101.95
TOTAL	<u>\$264,942.12</u>
Prior Year Receipts	\$12,578,865.36
<u>DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2025</u>	
Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,197,918.01)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$398,527.66</u>
POOL	\$398,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$527.66
TOTAL	<u>\$398,527.66</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 399 used tires and 180 units of white goods collected, and 19 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 513 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 295 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 1.83 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,198, and page views were 627 for October.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reported on a letter of response to Mercer County’s inquiry about a Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility concept. The letter emphasized that RICWMA primarily facilitates recycling and waste reduction programs, but it does not have control over municipal waste. The letter further details WTE as a low priority in the state’s solid waste hierarchy and that WTE, as outlined for the materials being proposed, requires specialized collection not accounted for in the current local government waste collections. These factors would likely limit interest in participation for municipalities and the county. Mr. Vyncke opened the floor for comments on the letter. There was a general agreement that the letter accurately described RICWMA’s involvement with waste within the county, and no changes were necessary. Mr. Vyncke then asked for a motion to approve sending the letter. Ms. Reyes made the motion, and Ms. Oakes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Next, Ms. McCullough noted that the updated Weikert contract, originally introduced in August, had been completed and was ready for signature. As the board had already approved this contract, no action was required except for signing by the Board’s Chair Mr. Vyncke and Mr. Weikert.

7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas presented on the Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association Conference. The state is working to create state-wide programs for both household battery collection and paint disposal. Both programs are scheduled to begin in 2026. For batteries, drop-off sites would be at designated locations. Paint drop-off sites would be paint vendors such as Sherman Williams, Home Depot, and Lowes. The paint program would also take latex paint.

Ms. Bambas then presented on the press release for America Recycles day on November 15 that provided guidance on what materials could be recycled and what could not. Ms. Bambas also shared the updated flyers went up for Facebook, which provided examples of acceptable recycling materials and reminded residents that they could drop off their plastic bags at local grocery stores.

Finally, Ms. Bambas informed the board that Illinois EPA would be conducting a Residential Sharps Collection Program, which municipalities can apply for. Applications are accepted until funding is expended or by June 30, 2025, whichever comes first. Ms. Bambas will pass on complete details to municipalities and the county health department following the meeting.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:23 p.m. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Reyes so moved, and Ms. Oakes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.