

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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)	Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff	Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley	Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova	Jerry Leibovitz, City of Silvis
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City	Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

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 December 17, 2024 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Oney seconded. Mr. Schmitt requested that the minutes be amended to say “LRS is proceeding with selecting a construction company” instead of “Moline is proceeding with selecting a construction company.” The board agreed that this amendment was acceptable to amend the minutes, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)  
Ms. McCullough presented the December 17, 2024 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$52,000.42. The reported bills included December 2024 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, Scott Area Landfill for local government waste tires, the Waste Commission electronic demand facility and Scott County Household Hazardous charges, Weikert Recycling pickups, and payment for SCS Engineers services. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 accounts payable. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through December 31, 2024, as RICWMA is 50% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$570,151.06, which included

interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$260,483.35, 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 \$38,627.38. Public Education and Information included \$20,234.24 spent out of the Illinois EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant. While no percentage showed up on the financial report, this comes to 27% 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 \$201,621.73.

Mr. Vyncke asked for any comments or a motion to place the financial report on file. Ms. Reyes motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 December 31, 2024

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2025**

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	\$8,799.53

**TOTAL      \$268,639.70**

Prior Year Receipts      \$12,578,865.36

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2025**      **\$288,810.92**

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

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$360,776.13**

POOL      \$360,000.00 ✓

CHECKBOOK      \$776.13 ✓

**TOTAL      \$360,776.13**

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

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 349 used tires and 147 units of white goods collected, and 17 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 483 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 160 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 2.99 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,006, and page views were 489 for December.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bambas then presented the final numbers from the 2024 HHW event, which collected 8.6 ton (17,236 pounds), an increase of more than 2,652 pounds when compared to 2023’s event. The board expressed interest in applying for a 2025 HHW event, for which applications are due by May 31, 2025.

Ms. Bambas then presented an opportunity for RICWMA to attend the 2025 Earth Day Fair at the Freight House Farmers Market on Saturday, May 17. This would provide an opportunity to interact with the public and help promote RICWMA. Ms. Bambas also requested that the board approve \$500.00 from the Recycling Opportunities and Incentives pool for printing of RICWMA t-shirts to be worn at this and other events, as well as branded material to give away at these events. The board agreed that this was an acceptable use of funds, and Mr. Gottwalt made a motion to approve funding. Ms. Oakes seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. Bambas then followed up on an X-stream cleanup meeting, and requested that members identify areas that frequently experiencing illegal dumping for a future clean-up effort after this meeting via email.

7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas presented on the phone calls taken during 2024. The majority were received in August and most asked about the HHW event or landfills.

Ms. Bambas also notified the Board that there will be billboards put up by Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative around the county. These will focus on reminding the public that trash travels and to properly dispose of litter.

Finally, Ms. Bambas also provided an update on the RICWMA Facebook page and new posts. The new post will be about proper battery disposal and will go out prior to National Battery Day on February 18. The Facebook page now has 200 followers, with 874 views in the last month. Ms. McCullough suggested that Facebook stats be added to the Agency Program Reports, and members agreed.

Mr. Camlin requested that members review their contact information, so the county could provide letters of economic interest. Those that were not at the meeting will be contacted about this via email.

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 Ms. Reyes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.