

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m.  
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island  
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)  
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan  
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff  
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County

Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline  
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron  
Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton  
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Boone, Village of Cordova  
Doug Greer, City of Silvis  
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia  
Representative, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC  
David Kovarik, RICWMA/BSRC

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC  
Mike Weikert, Weikert 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 April 15, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the April 15, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Ms. Reyes motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)  
Ms. McCullough first noted that the Accounts Payable for April incorrectly labeled the Weikert Recycling charges as February pickups; this label was corrected to March pickups. Ms. McCullough then presented the charges for the May 20, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$60,618.35. The reported bills included April 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, InterGen website updates, Quad City Press for the EDDM postcards, Scott County Landfill fees, Weikert Recycling pickups, the County's administrative costs for studies in FY25 and 26, and payment for SCS Engineers services. Mr. Oakes called for a motion to approve the April 15, 2025 accounts payable. Mr. Gottwalt 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 April 30, 2025, as RICWMA is 83% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$785,662.56, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$455,370.47, which is comprised of administrative expenses including training and



5. April 2025 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the April 2025 program report for the Board as follows:

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 418 used tires and 189 units of white goods collected, and 19 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 507 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 266 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 3.67 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

**RICWMA Website Statistics:** Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 115, and page views were 62. When the website content management system was updated, Google analytics, the program which keeps track of these statistics, was turned off. It has been corrected, but the majority of April was not recorded.

**RICWMA Facebook Statistics:** In March, the RICWMA Facebook page had 682 views, reached 203 accounts, and had 201 followers. April statistics were not available.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough presented the proposed FY26 budget. This draft proposes FY26 revenue will be \$902,694, with estimated expenses of \$539,166, and a net carry over of approximately \$363,528. The draft budget contains a 1.5% increase in Solid Waste Fees, calculated using data from 2020 to 2025. Ms. McCullough suggested deferring an application to the EPA solid waste planning grant until FY27 to prepare for the Solid Waste plan update. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste fees also saw increases of 2.78% and 2.44% respectively. As the board has been speaking more about educational opportunities this past year, Ms. McCullough proposed that funds be shifted from the Recycling Opportunities/Incentives line item to Public Education. Ms. Oakes proposed the new amount for public education to be \$35,000, and the new amount for Recycling Opportunities to be \$15,000. There was general consensus by the board for this change. The proposed interest rate utilized the same interest rate as FY25. Mr. Camlin suggested reducing the proposed interest to closer to 10,000 or 11,000 as a more conservative estimate. There was general consensus by the board. Ms. McCullough agreed to make both changes in the new revised budget proposal.

Ms. McCullough then presented SCS Engineering's update on their waste study for the county. SCS has completed the waste generation model for presentation. They also want to speak to the cities' waste coordinators to work on the other aspects of the study. Ms. McCullough will set up a meeting time.

7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas reminded members that SWAG summaries for FY25 are due next month, and applications for FY26 SWAG will happen in August.

Ms. Bambas also reported on the Earth Day fair, where she interacted with the public and distributed postcards with information on proper recycling practices. Ms. Bambas also reported that the reusable tote bags provided by Last Stop: The Ocean were passed out to the Rock Island Farmer's Market.

Ms. Bambas then reported on the survey sent to superintendents of county schools. There were 4 responses. All respondents' schools recycled. There was mixed responses on if the schools taught about recycling. All respondents said they didn't have resources to recycle, but most did not want additional resources.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 1:28 p.m.