

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

Tuesday, June 17, 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
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron

Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

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
Ryan Croegaert, Scott Co Waste Commission
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 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 May 20, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting, and Mr. Gibson and Ms. Reyes seconded. 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 June 17, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$14,940.24. The reported bills included May 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility, Scott Area Landfill, SCS Engineers services, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the June 17, 2025 accounts payable. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Oney seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through May 31, 2025, as RICWMA is 92% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$786,444.37, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$470,310.71, 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 \$59,890.90. Public Education and Information included \$39,601.62

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 305 used tires and 120 units of white goods collected, and 18 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 508 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 235 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facility.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 4.87 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 777, and page views were 369. When the website content management system was updated, Google Analytics, the program that keeps track of these statistics, was turned off. It has been corrected, but the majority of May was not recorded.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: In April, the RICWMA Facebook page had 2,812 views, reached 1,018 accounts, and had 204 followers. In May, the RICWMA Facebook page had 691 views, reached 330 accounts, and had 207 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough presented the finalized FY2026 RICWMA Budget to the board. There were no comments received since the previous board meeting. There were changes to the income and expenses sections. Under Income, the Carryover was revised to FY2025 Estimated. Under Interest, Mr. Camlin at the previous meeting recommended this be revised as a six-year average (2020-2025) due to changing economic conditions. In the Expenses section, Training & Travel was adjusted to include 2 staff attending the annual ILCSWMA Conference. Communications increased in order to add ADA accessibility to the website. Public Education/Information shifted \$35,000 from Recycling Opportunities/Incentives to help with the costs for the annual postcard mailer. Ms. McCullough then noted that the net carryover would be \$345,046, which will suffice for the expenses for three months into the new FY. Ms. Oakes asked if RICWMA supplied the Trash Travels totes to the farmers' market. Ms. McCullough indicated that RICWMA partnered to distribute the totes, but RICWMA did not pay for the totes. Ms. Oakes stated that the public enjoyed the totes, and that they were a great size. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the updated FY2026 Budget as presented. Ms. Reyes motioned to approve the updated FY2026 Budget, and Ms. Oakes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then announced that there will be a Special Meeting on June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the SCS Engineers Solid Waste Planning Analysis Workshop, and it will be in person.

7. Staff 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 that she went through the website and made necessary updates to make sure all information was up-to-date. Ms. Bambas also added additional resources to the website, which included information on sharps and prescription drugs.

Ms. Bambas then reported that the RICWMA social media posts are planned from June to December and will be sent to the board at the end of each month. Mr. Croegaert mentioned to the board and to Ms. Bambas that the Waste Commission of Scott County can provide satellite locations for the new battery drop-off sites for the public. Ms. McCullough then asked Mr. Weikert if he could provide a photo of their truck and driver for a social media post.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.