

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

Tuesday, September 16, 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)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County

Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Representative, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC

Adela Rasso, City of Moline
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 August 19, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the August 19, 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 presented the September 16, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$30,426.73. The reported bills included August 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, checks from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for August 2025 charges, Scott Household Hazardous Waste Facility for August 2025 Charges, Scott Area Landfill, SCS Engineers services, the Printers Mark for HHW Event items, Weikert Recycling pick-ups, and FY25 donation to Xstream Clean-up. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the September 16, 2025 accounts payable. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Grafton seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through August 31, 2025, as RICWMA is 17% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$384,366.96, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$67,027.45, 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 \$9,057.89. Public Education and Information included \$12,607.69 spent out of the Illinois EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant and the Public Education and Information. 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 \$45,361.87.

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

The receipts and disbursements through August 31, 2025 were provided to board members as follows:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 August 31, 2025**

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2026

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$78,501.25
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$35,462.25
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$10,000.00
RI Cnty reimb for CSWP25 grant from 4/29/25	
Interest	\$1,553.38
TOTAL	<u>\$125,516.88</u>

Prior Year Receipts	\$13,064,751.99
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DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2026 **\$94,837.92**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,751,603.81)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$343,827.14</u>
POOL	\$343,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$827.14
TOTAL	<u>\$343,827.14</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 455 used tires and 121 units of white goods collected, and 16 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 479 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 2.88 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 3,430, and page views were 674.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 1,103 views and 214 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bambas presented on the status of FY26 SWAG applications. All member communities submitted their applications on time. Ms. Bambas asked the board to review the applications as presented in a summary spreadsheet. Ms. McCullough questioned Rock Island County’s request for the codification of ordinances, as to whether the board thought it aligned with the SWAG guidelines. While it would shift the document into digital form, it didn’t seem directly related to waste reduction and recycling. After discussing the item, Ms. Oakes called for a motion to accept the SWAG grant applications with the exception of removing codification of ordinances from Rock Island County’s application and allow the county to use it toward more direct solid waste purposes. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried. The first half of the funds will be released in October and appear on the accounts payable.

Following the FY26 SWAG application approval, Ms. McCullough presented on the solid waste analysis implementation strategies. Ms. McCullough stated that the next solid waste plan update is scheduled for June 2027. She reviewed the current goals of the plan and how they align with the solid waste management hierarchy.

Ms. McCullough and Ms. Bambas then discussed the solid waste planning analysis recommendations that were brought forward last month by SCS Engineers. Each board member was given a list of the recommendations with actionable items listed. The board was asked to rank each actionable item on a scale from 1 to 4. The scale reflected the following: 1- Minimum Effort, High Impact, 2- Difficult Effort, High Impact, 3- Minimum Effort, Low Impact, and 4- Difficult Effort, Low Impact. Once the board had scored the actionable items, each recommendation was discussed. The board completed the majority of recommendations, but the discussion will be carried forward to the next board meeting.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas reported on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event taking place on October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. The flyer has been shared over 100 times on Facebook. There are currently 135 residents signed up for the event. Press releases have been sent out to board members, support staff, interested parties, the media, and all Illinois communities. RICWMA staff will be sending out the flyer and general brochure to school districts later in September. Staff is working on the purchase of magnets and a large banner for the fairgrounds.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gottwalt so moved, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.