

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline

Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
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
Ryan Croegaert, Scott Co Waste Commission

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 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 September 16, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 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 October 21, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$107,853.41. The reported bills included September 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for September 2025, Scott Household Hazardous Waste Facility for September 2025, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, Lee Advertising Quad City Times for HHW Event ad, Quad Cities Press for HHW Event banner, Mel Foster Insurance Renewal, Weikert Recycling pick-ups, Audit charge from Hoffman and Tranel, and the first half of the FY 2026 SWAG payments to all member governments. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the October 21, 2025 accounts payable. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Schmitt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through September 30, 2025, as RICWMA is 25% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$385,282.90, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$177,927.96, 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 \$22,786.95. 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 \$14,533.32.

Mr. Vyncke 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. Ms. Oakes seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through September 30, 2025 were provided to board members as follows:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 September 30, 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	\$2,469.32
TOTAL	<u>\$126,432.82</u>

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

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,751,603.81)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$314,316.35</u>
POOL	\$314,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$316.35
TOTAL	<u>\$314,316.35</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 457 used tires and 148 units of white goods collected, and 15 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 433 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 247 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 7.11 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,942, and page views were 975.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 69,930 views and 264 followers. The significant increase from August's 1,103 views was a result from advertisement of the HHW event.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough spoke about the FY2026 budget adjustment to the board. For Income, Ms. McCullough discussed the carryover revenue of \$421,358 being revised to reflect the actual carryover from FY2025 rather than an estimate. For expenses, Ms. McCullough proposed that the Communications/Subscriptions/Memberships be adjusted to \$2,630 for the ability to purchase an account for an ADA widget for the RICWMA website the addition of a language translation feature for residents to use if they would like to change the language on the website. Mr. Camlin asked if this is a federal requirement. Ms. McCullough responded that language feature represents best practice. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to approve the FY2026 budget adjustment. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the FY2026 budget adjustment, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough and Ms. Bambas then proceeded to present on the continuation of the solid waste analysis implementation strategies. Ms. McCullough reviewed what was discussed in last month's meeting by stating that the next solid waste plan update is scheduled for June 2027, and what the current goals of the plan are and how they align with the solid waste management hierarchy. Ms. Bambas then reminded the board of the scale that reflected the following: 1- Minimum Effort, High Impact; 2- Difficult Effort, High Impact; 3- Minimum Effort, Low Impact; and 4- Difficult Effort, Low Impact. Ms. Bambas then reviewed the solid waste planning analysis recommendations that were brought forward by SCS Engineers and that were discussed in last month's meeting. The board then discussed the remaining recommendations not addressed at the September meeting. Once all of the remaining recommendations were reviewed, Ms. McCullough stated that at next month's meeting, all of the ones and twos would be presented and discussed in order to construct a priority ranking of each recommended item.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas reported on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event that took place on October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. There were 342 attendees at the event, and there was a wait of 30 minutes at one point at the event. Staff asked attendees how many households they were representing and how they heard about the event. The majority (300) were representing a single household. The next largest response was two households, with 37 responses. There were 4 responses indicating they represented 3 households, and a single response for 4 households. When asked about where they had heard about the event, 219 said Social Media, 32 said the Internet, 26 said Newspaper, 24 said Email, 15 said word of mouth, 13 said on TV, 11 said the flyer, 1 said on the radio, and 1 was unsure. The advertisements on the QC times estimated to have reached a total of 127,462 between the digital newspaper and the QC Times' Facebook page. There were 6,164 clicks on the ads.

Ms. Bambas then reported on some topics that were discussed at the Illinois Circularity Conference. These topics included PaintCare, Reuse & Repair, Textiles & Mattresses, Path to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Illinois, and Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas indicated that Goodwill was mentioned as a great resource for reuse items. There are also repair shop events happening in the Chicagoland area to promote reuse. Ms. Bambas indicated there will be more information on PaintCare, EPR in Illinois, and Recycle Couch in future board meetings. Ms. McCullough then announced to the board that Bi-State Regional Commission received an impact award at the NADO National Training Conference for its work in establishing RICWMA and continuing staff support over time.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oliver so moved, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.