

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barb Cray, Village of Port Byron
Jim Graham, City of East Moline
Doug Greer, City of Silvis

Tom Schillinger, City of Moline
Luke VanLandegen, City of Rock Island
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Michelle Reyes-Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Representative, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Ryan Croegaert, Scott Co Waste Commission
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC

Bruce Peterson, Village of Port Byron
Adela Rasso, City of Moline
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 December 16, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting, and Mr. VanLandegen 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 January 20, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$22,908.62. The reported bills included December 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for December 2025 charges, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for December 2025 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, The Printers Mark for envelopes, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. VanLandegen motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Schillinger seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through December 31, 2025, as RICWMA is 50% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$505,639.25, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$266,720.55, 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 \$37,444.45. Public Education and Information included \$12,607.69 spent out of the Illinois

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 347 used tires and 93 units of white goods collected, and 21 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 251 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 130 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 3.22 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,370, and page views were 938.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 889 views and 269 followers.

Ms. McCullough explained to the Board that RICWMA staff have seen an uptick in tire collection in the past several months and reiterated that the Member Government Tire Disposal Program is for illegally dumped tires that members pick-up. Ms. McCullough informed the group that the Rock Island Health Department had been notified by the Illinois EPA that they are willing to do a public tire collection event, but we would have to coordinate with them ahead of time. Illinois EPA will also do a local government tire collection on a request basis. The Board then discussed what public works departments were experiencing in the field and how many tires they were collecting. Ms. McCullough thanked the Board for their feedback.

6. **Other Business.** Ms. Bambas informed the Board that the Recycle Coach onboarding is going well, and RICWMA staff is meeting with Recycle Coach soon in order to determine when to launch the platform. There will be more updates at meetings to come. The Board requested the presentation slides from the prior month’s Recycle Coach presentation. Ms. Bambas said she would send them out to the Board once she receives them. Ms. Bambas then spoke about the upcoming spring postcard, and that it would be related to Recycle Coach in order to get the word out about the platform. Ms. Bambas told the Board that RICWMA has experienced high engagement statistics when previous postcards have gone out. Ms. Bambas requested funds up to \$30,000 from the Public Education budget item to be used on the purchase of postcards. Mr. Greer made a motion to approve funds for the printing and mailing of the postcards in an amount not exceeding \$30,000, sourced from the lowest responsible estimate. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board. Mr. Vyncke asked for there to be updates on the status of the postcards in future meetings.
7. **Staff Activities.** Ms. Bambas presented on the phone calls taken during 2025. The majority were received in April-May and in October. These were spikes due to the spring postcard and HHW event. Most calls received in 2025 were for HHW, Appliances, and Bulky Waste.

Ms. Bambas also notified the Board that PaintCare intends on establishing 5-7 drop off locations in Rock Island County. It is not certain when those drop offs will be on the PaintCare website, but Ms. Bambas will keep the Board updated. For now, RP Lumber in Silvis is the only available PaintCare drop off site in Rock Island County.

Finally, Ms. Bambas also provided an update on the battery recycling locations in Rock Island County. Starting January 1, 2026, Illinois EPA is partnering with Call2Recycle and has established multiple battery drop off sites in the state. Lowe’s in Moline is now a place residents can bring their rechargeable batteries, single use batteries, cellphones, and high energy batteries. It is yet to be determined if more locations will be added in Rock Island County. This is a free program for all Illinois residents. Ms. Bambas said there will be information on RICWMA’s website and Facebook page about PaintCare and Call2Recycle in the near future.

8. **Adjournment.** Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. VanLandegen so moved, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.