

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Doug Greer, City of Silvis

Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Michelle Reyes-Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Representative, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Brian Seals, Scott Co Waste Commission
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 January 20, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 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 February 17, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$24,538.97. The reported bills included January 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for January 2026 charges, Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association (ILCSWMA) 2026 Membership Renewal, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for January 2026 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Schmitt motioned to approve the bills, and Ms. Oakes seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through January 31, 2026, as RICWMA is 58% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$610,399.48, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$291,259.52, 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 \$41,749.45. 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

5. January 2026 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the January 2026 program report for the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 228 used tires and 95 units of white goods collected, and 10 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 320 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 159 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 11.79 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location. The budget is running high on this line item.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,574, and page views were 971.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 3,290 views and 275 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bambas informed the Board that the Recycle Coach onboarding is almost complete, and RICWMA staff is hoping to have a soft launch in early March. Once the platform is launched via the RICWMA website, the postcard that was approved at a previous board meeting will be sent out in April to promote Recycle Coach. Mr. Vyncke asked when municipalities would be enrolled into Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas said she would check with the Recycle Coach consultant to see when municipalities can enroll in the program and if any trainings are required.

Ms. McCullough then spoke about the upcoming Solid Waste Plan update. The plan is updated every 5 years, and the deadline is 2027. The update process will start in the April timeframe and finish by January 2027. Ms. McCullough informed the board that IL EPA had been audited and has been going through how they conduct their procedures to fulfill solid waste legislation. IL EPA is emphasizing the need for an advisory group for the Solid Waste Plan. This advisory group would be made up of RICWMA staff, support staff, RICWMA partner agencies, and the two landfills. Ms. McCullough stated that if there were not many changes in the last 5 year, then a two-page report could be completed instead of a full plan update. However, Ms. McCullough mentioned that with the solid waste analysis done by SCS engineers, it would be a good idea to do a full update. Ms. McCullough stated she will keep the board informed on the Solid Waste Plan update.

Ms. McCullough moved on to discuss the IL EPA Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA). RICWMA staff had met with IL EPA staff to discuss CERA and how RICWMA could get involved. CERA is a program that Illinois counties can enroll in to host collection sites and events for E-Waste. The application is due March 1 and accepted counties would be notified by July 1. The program is paid for by select manufacturers who then contract with recyclers to collect the E-Waste. With no dedicated funding and limited staff capacity, RICWMA would have to contract with a third party to facilitate the event. Ms. McCullough said this is something RICWMA staff can keep looking into, but it does not seem feasible to apply at this time. The board unanimously agreed to not apply for the CERA program.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas presented the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event tonnage collected, which was almost 12 tons and exactly 23,810 pounds. The top items collected were pesticides, flammable liquid, and used oil.

Ms. Bambas also notified the Board that February 18 is National Battery Day. There was a press release that went out to the media on February 13, and Ms. Bambas will send that press release along with social media posts to the board on February 18 and asked for the board to share the items with their residents.

Lastly, Ms. McCullough went over the IL EPA Report that was submitted to the state agency on February 12. The response letter was replying to a letter that the Rock Island County Clerk received on December 3 from IL EPA requesting an annual report on the latest solid waste plan update. Ms. McCullough mentioned again that the IL EPA had been audited and has been going through how they conduct their procedures. The letter sent by RICWMA staff discussed the quantity of waste received in 2024 at the two landfills in the county, stated there have been no revenue bonds issued, explained that RICWMA is aware of a construction permit for a new transfer station in Moline, but has not received status updates, stated that RICWMA completed a solid waste analysis with SCS engineers who forecasted the waste capacity of the two landfills by 2028, and stated that RICWMA completed their last Solid Waste Management Plan in 2022 with the next update in 2027.

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. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.