

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Bergeson, Village of Hampton
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
Rick Hitchcock, City of Rock Island
Rhea Oakes, Village of East Moline
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
James Boone, Village of Cordova

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Denise Bulat, RICWMA/BSRC
Rob Bauman, MWI
Robert Cervantes, City of Silvis
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC (Virtual)

James Mountain, Village Trustee of Coal Valley
Matt Pivit, Republic Services
Adela Rasso, City of Moline
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling
Paul Wymore, Republic Services

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 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 June 16, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the June 16, 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. Bulat presented the June 21, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$31,770.75. The reported bills included June 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for June 2026 charges, InterGen for website subscription, OnMedia advertising for Recycle Coach Facebook Ad and Targeted Display Ad, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for May 2026 charges, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the June 21, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Grafton motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. Bulat then presented income and expenses through June 30, 2026, as RICWMA is 100% through its fiscal year. Ms. Bulat mentioned income was \$709,275.15, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$527,928.97, 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 \$68,199.96. Public Education and Information included \$43,531.68 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 \$416,197.33.

Ms. Oakes asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Oliver motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through June 30, 2026 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

June 30, 2026

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2026

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$296,063.75
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$135,822.34
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	\$8,538.98
TOTAL	<u>\$450,425.07</u>

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

\$554,395.42

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,751,603.81)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$209,177.83</u>
POOL	\$209,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$177.83
TOTAL	<u>\$209,177.83</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 544 used tires and 179 units of white goods collected, and 18 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 540 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 287 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 0 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 2,443, and page views were 1,707.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 152,407 views and 291 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat presented two contracts for consideration. The first of the two was for FY 2027 Agreement for Services with Bi-State Regional Commission for Staff Support. The contract amount for the Staff Support is at cost of staff services, which will be billed to RICWMA monthly. Ms. Bergeson motioned to approve the Agreement for Services with Bi-State Regional Commission for Staff Support, Mr. Grafton seconded, and the motion carried.

The second contract was for an Agreement with Rock Island County Fairgrounds to hold the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the Agreement with the Rock Island County Fairgrounds, Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Bambas then followed up on the Household Hazardous Waste event. Illinois EPA accepted the RICWMA Household Hazardous Waste One-Day Collection Event application. The event will take place on October 10 at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds from 8:00am-3:00pm. RICWMA staff will start to plan the event and will keep the board updated. There was a question on how this event is advertised, and Ms. Bambas responded that it will be advertised through Facebook and the newspaper. Ms. Bambas also noted the advertisements and Facebook posts include items that are not taken at this event. There was another discussion about tire and e-waste collections events and how the Illinois EPA does not have an equivalent system for those types of collections events.

Ms. Bambas then followed up on Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas passed around extra Recycle Coach postcards for jurisdictions to hand out at village hall or public works. Ms. Bambas then reported on the Recycle Coach onboarding. The Village of Hampton and Carbon Cliff are the first two communities to go live with Recycle Coach. There are many onboarding meetings currently happening and Ms. Bambas noted that the Recycle Coach web and mobile app stats will be added to the program reports soon.

Mr. Mountain then presented on the Department of Energy Technical Assistance Grant. Ms. Oakes mentioned to the board that there will be no action taken at this meeting regarding the Technical Assistance Grant. Mr. Mountain informed the board that he was awarded the technical assistance grant. This grant allows for up to 40 hours of federal technical expert time and a one-hour virtual kickoff call. Mr. Mountain gave local examples in Rock Island County that include the Quad Cities Landfill operated by Millennium Waste and the Upper Rock Island County Landfill operated by Republic Services using methane gas recovery. Mr. Mountain mentioned that the Department of Energy can help evaluate what Waste-to-Energy options fit the county's waste streams, perform financial modeling, identify a roadmap for a potential project, or identify funding options. Mr. Mountain noted a one-hour kickoff meeting will be held in late summer/early fall, with interested stakeholders.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas mentioned that the SWAG FY 26 reports that are due at the end of July. Ms. Bambas also mentioned that the Food Rescue Workshop is September 16 9:00am-12:00pm at the YWCA in Rock Island. Ms. Bambas will be sending the information out to the board after the meeting.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bergeson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.