

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Vern Winter, Chair, Rock Island	Mr. Scott Noyd, Rock Island County
Mr. Mike Bealer, Vice Chair, Coal Valley	Ms. Alissa Sallows, East Moline
Mr. Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Mr. Mike Waldron, Moline
Mr. Jim Grafton, Silvis	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Mike Bartels, Rock Island	Mr. Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Ms. Michelle Bergeson, Hampton	Mr. Dave Pannell, Milan
Ms. Louisa Ewert, Sec./Treas., Rock Island Co.	Mr. Bruce Peterson, Port Byron
Ms. Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Mr. Rodd Schick, Moline
Ms. Missy Housenga, Rapids City	Ms. Caryn Unsicker, Silvis
Mr. Dave Lambert, East Moline	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Dave Collier, Citizen	Ms. Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County
Ms. Sarah Gardner, Bi-State	Mr. Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling
Mr. Bill Lamar, MWI	

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Mr. Winter chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the April 17, 2018 minutes for review. Mr. Waldron motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.
2. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Ms. Gardner presented the May 15, 2018 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$34,088.11. Mr. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Mr. Bealer moved to approve the bills as presented, and Mr. Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Ms. Gardner presented the April 30, 2018 Financial Reports. She explained the solid waste fee line item discussed in the previous meeting appeared low due to the fact that solid waste fees are paid after the close of the quarter. Those fees have now been paid, and as a result, that line item is at 68.62% of the budgeted amount. Mr. Winter asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Ms. Sallows so moved, and Mr. Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The April 30, 2018 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS – FY 2018

Millennium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$	378,042.03
Republic Services	\$	137,863.65
Interest	\$	4,553.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>520,458.83</u></b>

Prior Years Receipts	\$	8,867,801.11
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DISBURSEMENT – FY 2018	\$	(441,609.38)
Prior Years Disbursements	\$	(8,482,272.91)

CURRENT BALANCES

Pool	\$	464,000.00
Checkbook	\$	377.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>464,377.65</u></b>

Accounts Payable May 15, 2018	\$	34,088.11
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Cash Balances as of May 15, 2018	\$	431,076.41
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Mr. Winter asked Ms. Gardner to review the draft budget for FY 2019. Ms. Gardner presented a budget that projected \$580,263 in total expenses. The estimates were based on three-year averages for each line item, including projections for FY 2018 based on the first three quarters of the year. She noted a likely decrease in solid waste fees based on conversations with Millenium Waste and Republic Services. Mr. Waldron noted the projected total income of \$1,092,048, which includes an estimated carryover of \$553,644, is high compared to the projected expenses. Ms. Sallows inquired as to an increase in the budgeted amount for training and travel, and Ms. Gardner explained the \$500 is actually a reduction based on the amount spent the last three years for travel and training being considerable less than the \$1,000 previously budgeted.

3. Agency Program Reports. Mr. Winter asked Ms. Gardner to review the April 2018 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 235 used tires and 83 white good units collected. There were 18 no-shows.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 206 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facilities.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** There were 405 residents who disposed of 41,502 pounds of e-waste at Scott County's electronics facility. This is an average of about 102 pounds per resident.

***RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program:*** Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 2.24 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***Regional Drop-Off Recycling Program:*** A total of 82.78 tons of fiber and non-fiber material was collected and processed. This consisted of 62.18 tons of fiber and 20.6 tons of non-fiber co-mingled materials. There were a total of 77 container pulls at an average weight of 1.24 tons/pull for fiber and 0.76 tons/pull for non-fiber.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 441 unique visitors and 768 page views.

***Annual Program Statistics:*** In addition, Ms. Gardner shared with the Board annual program data that showed an overall decline in total tons collected over the last 15 years. She noted the drop-off recycling program peaked in CY 2007 when 3,061 tons of material were collected. Currently, the program collects roughly a third that, with approximately 1,000 tons collected in CY 15, 16, and 17. She noted total tonnage of white goods has also been in decline, while e-waste and HHM has modestly increased. Ms. Gardner also noted that when the diversion rate for Rock Island County was at its highest, between 29% and 31%, RICWMA programs only contributed 3%-4% of the material diverted from the landfill at that time. The bulk of material diverted came from municipal and business recycling programs. Because RICWMA is no longer required to report this data to the IL EPA, it is not known what the current diversion rate is for Rock Island County or whether the decline in total tonnage collected by RICWMA programs is part of a larger countywide decline in recycling.

#### 4. Other Business.

*Presentation on data collection at the Waste Commission of Scott County* – Ms. Kathy Morris reported that, similar to what has been observed in RICWMA programs, participation in recycling programs in Scott County had been in decline as of 2015. As a result of investments in single-stream recycling and a public education campaign, Scott County experiences a substantial increase in recycling rates. The investments included RFID tags in recycling bins similar to those under consideration by Moline. It also included in-mold labels placed on the carts that feature graphic representations of what can and cannot be recycled, and postcards, special events, and a social media campaign as part of the education efforts. Of all the investments, Ms. Morris reported the in-mold labels provided the greatest return on investment. She reported the labels cost \$1.98 each and are warranted for 10 years, amounting to an investment of 20 cents per sticker per year. The data Scott County has collected shows a resulting 60% increase in recycling in Davenport and Bettendorf, and contamination in the

waste stream has dropped to less than 10% largely because of the labels, according to Ms. Morris. Ms. Morris also reported Scott County is investigating another option for tire recycling as a result of the recent rate hike.

5. Other Activities.

*Education and outreach:* Ms. Gardner reported that she attended three outreach events in the last month. This included a two-day Earth Day event at Niabi Zoo, in which she estimates speaking with 182 children and 273 adults. It also included participating in the Eco-Camp sponsored by the Rock Island Soil and Water Conservation District, at which Ms. Gardner estimates she interacted with 48 students and 12 adults. Finally, Ms. Gardner also attended the Moline Touch-A-Truck event, at which she estimates she spoke with 177 children and 266 adults, for a combined total of 958 people reached through the three events.

Ms. Gardner also noted there has been a recent uptick in the volume of citizen complaints she receives in regards to the drop-off recycling sites. She suggested it might be worthwhile to consider hosting one-day outreach events at these sites to improve public relations and possibly help identify businesses that are reportedly using the sites to dispose of their waste, so that they could be approached about other options.

*IL EPA HHM collection event grant status:* Ms. Gardner reported checking on the status of the current application to host a household hazardous waste event. The Illinois EPA was unable to fund any events this spring, but hopes to fund 8-12 events in the fall. However, with more than 70 applications to host an event active, the EPA representative who spoke with Ms. Gardner stressed there is not guarantee that RICWMA's event will be among those selected.

*Volunteer clean up event on South Shore Drive:* Ms. Gardner reported assisting a group of volunteers to access Xstream Cleanup supplies to help clean up a property along the Rock River that had a high amount of litter left behind after successive floods. Ms. Gardner also worked with Rodd Schick to arrange for pickup of the collected material. The combined efforts were very successful, with the volunteers and adjacent property owners happy with the results.

*Knoxville Road Cleanup:* Following the last meeting, Ms. Gardner met with Rock Island County engineer John Massa and representatives of Millennium Waste to discuss options for cleaning up metal debris from Knoxville Road that continues to puncture tires of nearby residents. They discussed the use of a truck-loaded magnet or an enclosed street sweeper to do the work, agreeing the latter would be preferable if one could be obtained. However, as the road is scheduled to be resurfaced later this summer, this was deemed sufficient to clean up the debris for the time being.

6. Comments from the Public. Mr. Collier said that he was thrilled to learn Knoxville Road will be resurfaced this summer and agreed that would help with the incidents of tire punctures.
7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Winter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bealer moved to adjourn, and Mr. Waldron seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:46 p.m.