

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 1:00 p.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Mike Bartels, Acting Chair, Rock Island	Mr. Scott Noyd, Rock Island County
Ms. Annette Ernst, Acting Vice-Chair, Coal Valley	Mr. Dave Lambert, East Moline
Mr. Rodd Schick, Moline	Mr. Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff
Mr. Mike Waldron, Moline	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Michelle Bergeson, Hampton	Mr. Dave Pannell, Milan
Ms. Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Ms. Caryn Unsicker, Silvis
Ms. Missy Housenga, Rapids City	Mr. Jim Grafton, Silvis
Mr. Curtis Morrow, Andalusia	Mr. Bruce Peterson, Port Byron
Ms. Louise Ewert, Sec./Treas., Rock Island Co.	

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Gena McCullough, Bi-State	Mr. Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling
Ms. Sarah Gardner, Bi-State	Mr. Dominic Remmes, Millennium Waste
Mr. Dave Collier, Citizen	

1. Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Mr. Bartels chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the December 19, 2017 minutes for review. Mr. Waldron motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Noyd seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board. (A technical correction later was made to the minutes removing a duplicate listing for Mr. Rodd Schick under "Members Absent" and correcting the dates listed under Financial Report.)
2. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Ms. McCullough presented the January 16, 2018 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$31,444.70. Mr. Bartels asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Mr. Waldron moved to approve the bills as presented, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Ms. McCullough presented the December 31, 2017 Financial Reports. Mr. Bartels asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Mr. Waldron so moved, and Ms. Ernst seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The December 31, 2017 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS – FY 2018 (County Fiscal Year 12/1/16 -11/30/17)	
Millennium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$ 211,823.72
Republic Services	\$ 93,196.81
Interest	\$ 2,416.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ <u>307,436.85</u></b>
Prior Years Receipts	\$ 8,867,801.11
DISBURSEMENT – FY 2018	
Prior Years Disbursements	\$ (8,482,272.91)
CURRENT BALANCES	
Pool	\$ 421,000.00
Checkbook	\$ 246.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ <u>421,246.50</u></b>
Accounts Payable January 16, 2018	\$ 32,575.45
Cash Balances as of January 16, 2018	\$ 421,561.40

3. Agency Program Reports. Mr. Bartles asked Ms. Gardner to review the December 2017 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 93 white good units and 251 tires collected in December. There were 16 no-shows, with 9 billable.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 147 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's two HHM facilities.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** There were 370 residents who disposed of 33,788 pounds of e-waste at Scott County's electronics facility. This is an average of about 91 pounds per customer.

***RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program:*** Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 3.95 tons of tires at Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***Regional Drop-Off Recycling Program:*** A total of 79.61 tons of fiber and non-fiber material was collected and processed. This consisted of 68.19 tons of fiber and 11.42 tons of non-fiber co-mingled materials. There were a total of 73 container pulls.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 258 unique visitors and 622 page views for December.

4. Other Business.

*Waste Commission of Scott County Charges for RICWMA Communities* – Ms. Gardner acted on the request from the previous meeting to investigate contractual options and potential costs to RICWMA to enable member governments to take e-waste and household-type hazardous material to the Waste Commission of Scott County for disposal. After consulting with Bryce Stalcup and Kathy Morris of the Waste Commission, it was determined that no contract would be needed to offer these services. RICWMA could simply provide a list of member governments participating in the program. Instead, Ms. McCullough proposed a memorandum of understanding between RICWMA and the Waste Commission. Charges to RICWMA would be based on the material dropped off, set at \$0.25/lb for cathode ray containing electronic materials and an additional \$2 fee for flat screen monitors or TVs. Hazardous material would be billed depending hazard class and disposal costs. In her discussion with Ms. Gardner, Ms. Morris had stressed that member governments would want to avoid serving as a collection point for residents or bringing in more than 220 pounds of material per month. Doing so would cause the member government to lose its Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) status, and stricter EPA regulations would apply. Ms. Morris also suggested other materials such as fluorescent tube light bulbs and mercury thermostats could be included in the program, and she offered to attend the next meeting to discuss options and costs in greater detail with the board. Mr. Waldron moved to invite Ms. Morris to present at the February meeting, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

5. Other Activities.

*Facebook page:* Ms. Gardner reported that the RICWMA Facebook page had been created and was ready to launch. Both the comments and review functions have been disabled on the page, though members of the public will be able to use the messaging function to send questions to RICWMA. The goal is to post information about upcoming events, recycling reminders, and other such news items roughly once a month. A press release has been prepared to send out announcing the launch of the Facebook page.

*Rate increase to recycle tires:* The Waste Commission of Scott County has notified RICWMA of an increase in the costs to recycle tires. Ms. Gardner reported that effective January 1, rates will be \$210/ton for regular car, truck, and semi tires and \$525/ton for large off-road tires. These fees will be reflected in future invoices to RICWMA for the tire recycling program for member governments.

*Milan recycling bins:* Several calls were received from citizens in late December and early January notifying RICWMA that the fiber bins at the Milan location were full, and excess material was being left outside the bins, including from Dave Collier who provided photos of the site. In response to these concerns, Ms. Gardner visited the bins on the mornings of January 8, 9, 10, and 12, and spoke with both residents and businesses dropping off material at the site to gauge the state of affairs. The bulk of excess material seemed to be holiday related. A follow-up meeting was set with Republic services and the RICWMA staff coordinators for January 16 at 2 p.m. to discuss these challenges, any other concerns, and possible solutions.

*Rural Township request regarding Knoxville Road:* Ms. Gardner reported that staff has been following up with county officials as to the possibility of coordinating efforts to address debris along the road. In order to make use of the magnet owned by Millenium Waste, the road would need to be closed with a flag crew in place to direct traffic. Similar measures would need to be in place to include roadside cleanup as an Xstream Cleanup activity. Staff will continue to investigate these options.

*QC Earth Coalition:* Ms. Gardner reported that she attended the December meeting of the QC Earth Coalition as a representative of RICWMA and was elected to serve as Secretary for that organization. She suggested an upcoming Earth Day event at Niabi Zoo might be a good opportunity for education and outreach activities on behalf of RICWMA. A summer “passport” program is also being developed to encourage QC families to explore amenities and resources throughout the Quad Cities. A letterboxing component might allow RICWMA to participate, provided one of the recycling drop-off locations could be outfitted with suitably secure letterbox materials.

6. Comments from the Public. Mr. Collier shared some of the photos he had taken at the Milan drop-off recycling site and verified that he found the bins overflowing on several occasions. He added that he thought RICWMA staff was doing a good job of responding to these concerns.
7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Bartels asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waldron moved to adjourn, and Ms. Ernst seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:35 p.m.