

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Rock Island County Third Floor Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, Rock Island	Dave Smith, Silvis
Louisa Ewert, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Larry Topper, East Moline
Steve Gibson, Milan	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Wayne Oney, Port Byron	Mike Waldron, Chair, Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Michelle Reyes, Hampton
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Missy Housenga, Rapids City	

OTHERS PRESENT

Katelyn Miner, Bi-State	Gena McCullough, Bi-State
Public Sign-In Attached	

1. Approval of Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the September 21, 2021 minutes for review. Vyncke motioned to approve the minutes, and Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.
2. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)
McCullough presented the October 19, 2021 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$100,105.04. McCullough noted bills included half the SWAG distributions, and the termination penalty to Republic Services. Bi-State withheld the September billing due to limited cash flow, and will include it next month. Landfill fee payments have not yet been received for the quarter to date. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Bartels moved to approve the bills, and Vyncke seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

McCullough presented the September 21, 2021 Financial Reports. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Smith so moved, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The September 30, 2021 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2022

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$87,257.61
Republic Services	\$44,423.07
Cardboard Pick-up	\$6,593.80
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant ERP 2013 & 2014	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$95.10

TOTAL \$138,369.58

Prior Year Receipts \$10,994,348.13

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022 **(\$120,795.97)**

Prior Year Disbursements (\$10,910,199.92)

CURRENT BALANCES \$101,721.82

POOL \$101,000.00

CHECKBOOK \$721.82

TOTAL \$101,721.82

3. September 2021 Agency Program Reports. Waldron asked McCullough to review the September 2021 reports for the benefit of the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 185 used tires, 99 units of white goods collected, and 10 no-shows in September.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 495 Rock Island County residents in September.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 144 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facilities in September.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 2.3 tons of tires in September at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

Regional Drop-Off Recycling – Total Collected per Month: A total of 80.71 tons of recyclable materials were collected at the drop-off sites in September.

Drop -Off Recycling in Tons: The drop-off recycling sites collected 26.93 tons of cardboard and 53.78 tons of co-mingled materials in September.

Total Number of Pulls for Cardboard vs Co-Mingled: There were a total of 84 container pulls in September, which included 52 co-mingled container pulls and 32 cardboard container pulls.

Drop-off Recycling Containers - Average Weight of Pulls: The recycling containers pulls had an average weight of 0.84 tons/pull for cardboard, and 1.03 tons/pull for co-mingled materials.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 1,123 unique visitors and 2,277-page views in September.

4. Other Business.

McCullough presented on the recycling drop-off elimination and the public comments received so far. McCullough asked for staff direction on whether to pursue alternative options for recycling. Board members confirmed interest in pursuing alternative recycling options. Waldron expressed the desire to have recycling drop-off sites, but did not want to be the only site available for the county. Waldron asked for partners and potential sites. Bartels agreed and mentioned contributing funds to have private companies manage the sites. Due to illegal dumping, East Moline was not interested in hosting a site, but enhanced curbside recycling was of interest. Smith noted consideration of using the short-term unrestricted ARPA funds to facilitate recycling at apartments or the use of SWAG funds. Vyncke noted that curbside recycling in unincorporated areas of the county would not be practical, but thought drop-off at non-urban townships might be an opportunity to investigate. He fielded a number of non-urban questions from southwestern Rock Island County. Bartels noted that Republic Services offers dumpsters for recycling at \$55 per month. Following the discussion, the Board requested Bi-State to survey Rock Island County governments to find those willing to host recycling sites that would be managed by Republic.

Waldron mentioned Gottwalt's resignation as Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair vacancy will be addressed at the next meeting with nominations from the floor.

5. Other Activities.

Staff fielded phone inquiries related to landfills or hauling (County Waste), bulky/special waste pick-up, and other RICWMA programs (electronics, tires/whitegoods, HHM). McCullough debriefed the Board on the HHM Event, website revisions, the Hillsdale electronic collection event, the Marine Debris Tracker press conference, the Illinois Materials Management Committee Report, and the Solid Waste Plan update that will require approval by Summer 2022.

6. Comments from the Public. All public comments were heard by the board relating to the closure of the recycling drop off sites at the beginning and end of the meeting:

Richard Nesseher urged the Board to think of the future and how his family now produces twice as much trash without the recycling drop-off site. He mentioned how this decision is going backwards in time, and the Board should reconsider their decision and reinstitute the drop-off sites.

Phil Dennis reminded the Board of the RICWMA intergovernmental agreement made in March 1992, specifically Article 5 Administration Section 5.3E about accepting, receiving, and administering grant funds or other funds or gifts, and how there could be more funding options for the recycling program. He also brought up Section 5.8 about appointment of advisory committees,

and how he would like to create an appointed group of ‘Citizens for Recycling’ to be part of RICWMA. He encouraged the Board to search for other funds for the recycling program.

David Collier spoke as the Rural Township Trustee stating that recycling needs to be provided for the 17,000 rural residents and urged the Board to look for funds for the recycling program.

Shirley Johnson stated that the Milan drop-off recycling bins were constantly full and the recycling program brought more visitors to Milan for other business in addition to recycling. She asked if there was any way that Milan and RICWMA could do a co-sponsorship for a recycling program.

Phil Dennis said that the discussion between the Board about potential options gave him hope and plans to create his own group to work with RICWMA on recycling.

Darcy Anderson talked about how she contacted state representatives about the drop-off site decision, but was told that the funding and decisions are at the county level. She asked what the timeline for the recycling program is and how there needs to be more public education about recycling.

7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Waldron asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bartels so moved to adjourn, and Smith seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 2:05 p.m.