

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Rock Island County Board Chambers
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Randall Hurt, Rock Island
Wayne Oney, Port Byron
Larry Toppert, East Moline

Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Mike Waldron, Chair, Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Louisa Ewert, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Patsy Fidler, Cordova
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff
Missy Housenga, Rapids City

Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Michelle Reyes, Hampton
Dave Smith, Silvis

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Bartels, Rock Island
Gena McCullough, Bi-State

Brandon Melton, Bi-State
Public Sign-In Attached

1. Approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the October 19, 2021 minutes for review. Vyncke motioned to approve the minutes, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.
2. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)
Melton presented the November 16, 2021 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$27,825.13. Melton noted bills included two months of payments to Bi-State as the previous month was withheld to assist RICWMA with cash flow. Additionally, the statement included expenses from the HHM event and professional services regarding the annual audit. Melton also noted that the final payment to Republic will be made next month as staff work through details of the final invoice. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Toppert moved to approve the bills, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Melton presented the October 31, 2021 Financial Reports. Melton noted that staff costs were running high largely due to staffing the HHM Event and additional work related to drop off recycling program elimination. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Vyncke so moved, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The October 31, 2021 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2021

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$167,587.09
Republic Services	\$47,153.64
Cardboard Pick-up	\$4,569.55
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant ERP 2013 & 2014	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$371.70

TOTAL **\$219,681.98**

Prior Year Receipts \$10,493,708.56

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2021

(\$190,649.88)

Prior Year Disbursements (\$10,290,520.40)

CURRENT BALANCES **\$232,220.26**

POOL \$232,000.00

CHECKBOOK \$220.26

TOTAL **\$232,220.26**

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 211 used tires, 149 units of white goods collected, and 15 no-shows in October.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 494 Rock Island County residents in October.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 164 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facilities in October.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 1.25 tons of tires in October at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

Regional Drop-Off Recycling – Total Collected per Month: A total of 16.55 tons of recyclable materials were collected at the drop-off sites in October.

Drop -Off Recycling in Tons: The drop-off recycling sites collected 4.45 tons of cardboard and 12.1 tons of co-mingled materials in October.

Total Number of Pulls for Cardboard vs Co-Mingled: There were a total of 20 container pulls in October, which included 13 co-mingled container pulls and 7 cardboard container pulls.

Drop-off Recycling Containers - Average Weight of Pulls: The recycling containers pulls had an average weight of 0.64 tons/pull for cardboard, and 0.93 tons/pull for co-mingled materials.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 819 unique visitors and 1,784-page views in October.

4. Other Business.

Nomination of Vice Chair: Waldron nominated Toppert for Vice Chair. Vyncke seconded. No other nominations were made.

Election of Vice Chair: Toppert was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

5. Other Activities.

Staff fielded phone inquiries related to landfills and hauling (County Waste), bulky/special waste pick-up, and other RICWMA programs (electronics, tires/whitegoods, HHM).

Melton noted that staff continues to work with members to discuss potential drop-off recycling options.

Melton provided a brief overview of the contents of the current Solid Waste Plan for Rock Island County. He noted that the plan is due to be updated by Summer of 2022. A new standard format for solid waste plans has been proposed by the Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee to the Illinois General Assembly. Melton compared this new format to the existing plan and noted that most of the material is already included by may need to be reorganized to address new format and additional content. One new requirements would be outlining partnerships, policy, and funding. The new format won't be required by the time the update is due, but staff is considering the new potential format when preparing the update. Waldron inquired if this was an opportunity to address funding issues. Melton said that it is one opportunity in addition to contacting state legislators regarding tipping fee maximums.

Kim Hoffman provided an overview of the FY 2021 Audit. It was the auditor's opinion that as of June 30, the information provided was accurately stated. She stated there was a net loss of \$110,000. This was due to increased costs of programs and reduced income. She also noted that the revised budget was overspent as dollars were removed from the SWAG program, but not reallocated to other programs.

6. Comments from the Public.

Lori McCullum offered that SWAG could be used to fund unincorporated recycling. She advocated for the formation of a Citizen Advisory Committee.

Dorothy Beck offered that losses due to COVID may be eligible for ARPA assistance. She also noted that the Board should consider a mission statement to emphasize recycling.

Richard Nessler advocated for more forward thinking in relation to recycling describing other advances that have been made in society in the past decades to improve the environment.

Philip Dennis stated that Moline and Rock Island have been discussing funding a replacement drop-off program. He wondered if other cities could do the same or contribute. He wanted to know how

citizens could get involved. Waldron suggested working with local city and county representatives. Vyncke also suggested citizens could contact state representatives regarding tipping fees.

Waldron confirmed that Moline has set aside some ARPA funding for one year. Hurt stated that Rock Island had not had discussions on ARPA funding yet, but are willing to host a site and will be pursuing further discussion with City Council and city staff.

7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Waldron asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vyncke so moved to adjourn, and Waldron seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:40 p.m.