

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barb Cray, Port Byron	Randy Hurt, Rock Island
Louisa Ewert, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Dave Smith, Silvis
Brad Fink, Moline	Larry Toppert, Vice Chair, East Moline
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Missy Housenga, Rapids City	Michelle Reyes, Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Melton, Bi-State	Public Sign-In Attached
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1. Introductions and Roll Call.
2. Comments from the Public. Adam Beck of Moline stated that he has been a recycler all his life. He puts recycling out for curbside pickup every other week, but is concerned about overflow recycling. Beck is in favor of bringing back the drop off recycling bins.

Lori McCullum of Rock Island inquired if the Board intends to include an increase to the 25% recycling goal. She mentioned that the Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee Report to the General Assembly recommends increasing to a rate of 50%. Melton indicated that this percentage likely had to do with total percentage of landfill diversion not just recycling.

Dorothy Beck of Rock Island indicated that she was angry when the bins were removed because it took away the option for overflow recycling and others, but now she sees it as a new opportunity to build a better recycling program, to better understand the situation and to create a shared vision to move forward.

Phil Dennis indicated that he felt there was a dilemma in the process. He noted Brandon met with himself and Public Works staff for Moline and Rock Island to come up with a proposal. He indicated that City staff was not necessarily in favor of reinstating the drop off recycling bins. Dennis also mentioned that Rock Island City Council will be holding a study session to get other points of view. He stated that collaboration isn't just a smoke screen, but the goal is to keep the vision to improve recycling.

Toppert stated that he voted against keeping the drop off bins. The process was messy and unsanitary. A successful program should have proper planning and funding. He shared that he has recycled many years both as a farmer and business owner. He said it may also be useful to talk to commercial users to help supplement funding.

Darci Anderson of Rock Island indicated that she had spoken with Representative Halpin who listened to her concerns. He indicated to Anderson that it may be feasible to find sources of financial support and come up with creative solutions.

Dave Collier of Rural Township noted that Rock Island County receives SWAG money and that they own property that could potentially be utilized for a drop off site.

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Toppert chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the February 15, 2022 minutes for review. Vyncke motioned to approve the minutes, and Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Melton presented the March 15, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$12,122.09. Toppert asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Vyncke moved to approve the bills, and Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Melton presented the February 28, 2022 Financial Reports. Melton highlighted that E-Waste and White Goods collection are running high. Second Quarter tipping fees were received and are on track to meet estimated income for the year. Toppert asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Gottwalt so moved, and Hurt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The February 28, 2022 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 February 28th, 2022

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2022**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$256,220.47
Republic Services	\$129,401.72
Cardboard Pick-up	\$9,575.80
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant ERP 2013 & 2014	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$224.39

**TOTAL      \$395,422.38**

Prior Year Receipts      \$10,994,348.13

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022**      **(\$324,510.64)**

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

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$155,059.95**

POOL      \$155,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$59.95

**TOTAL      \$155,059.95**

5. February 2022 Agency Program Reports. Toppert asked Melton to review the February 2022 reports for the benefit of the Board. The report is as follows:

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 134 used tires, 55 units of white goods collected, and 1 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 399 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 68 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County’s HHM facilities.

***RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program:*** Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 0.95 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 435 unique visitors and 911 page views.

6. Other Business.

Melton inquired if the board was ready to release the second disbursement of SWAG funds given that income appears to be on track for the fiscal year. Toppert requested a motion to release the second disbursement of SWAG funds and place them on the next meeting's accounts payable. Vyncke so moved, and Smith seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

7. Other Activities.

**Status of Recycling Alternatives Discussion:** Melton noted that staff continues to work with members to discuss potential recycling options. Melton shared pricing information with member governments and townships in case they wanted to establish their own drop-off and solicited interest in a joint RFP for collection services. Second quarter tipping fees indicate that income for the year will be very close to what was estimated in the budget. Melton reiterated that programs will be reviewed as part of the planning and budgeting process.

**Staff 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).

8. Comments from the Public. Randy Hurt noted that Rock Island plans to hold a study session to discuss recycling in the City.

Lori McCullum stated that recycling is not available to multifamily and rural residents, which she stated makes up close to 1/3 of the population in the county.

Dave Smith discussed opportunities for mandatory recycling and alternative drop off options.

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