

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
Louisa Ewert, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Larry Toppert, Vice Chair, East Moline

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Cordova
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff
Missy Housenga, Rapids City
Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley

Wayne Oney, Port Byron
Dave Pannell, Milan
Michelle Reyes, Hampton
Dave Smith, Silvis

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Melton, Bi-State

Public Sign-In Attached

1. Introductions and Roll Call.
2. Comments from the Public. Antoine Smith Sr. of Rock Island requested information on why the bins were removed. He suggested that someone could be stationed at the site to deter illegal dumping and that the camera was too far away to identify people that were misusing the site. Smith also mentioned that he has noticed an increase in trash in the area. Waldron described the process that led up to the decision to remove the drop off sites.

Lori McCullough of Rock Island submitted a letter that was read to the board and attached to these minutes.

Dorothy Beck of Rock Island shared that she had attended RICWMA meetings over the last 10 months. She stated that recycling is inconvenient for her as an individual, but it doesn't stop her from doing it and neither should it stop the cities from doing it. She says that it's easier if we don't bother, but it is important for the environment in the long term. Beck stated that staff is against recycling and decided to get out of the recycling business by doing away with subsidies and ultimately the drop off sites.

Phil Dennis of Rock Island noted a discrepancy between revenues in the financial report. Melton indicated he would review outside of the meeting. Dennis noted that he had met with Rock Island and Moline Public Works staff along with Melton. He felt there is an unfair advantage that staff will propose a budget without the public being involved. Melton indicated that the public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget on and between the May and June meetings. Dennis

noted that the Bring Back the Bins had been in contact with Rep. Mike Halpin who shared there may be a \$150,000 EPA grant available to help with the drop offs. He was unsuccessful in securing that grant at this time, but may reintroduce it in the fall. Dennis also mentioned the group's intent to work with the Illinois Environmental Council.

Mike Davis from Midland Davis Corporation shared that a drop off could be established on their property. They were working with the City of Moline and Scott County to work out details. The site was not ready to accept material at the time of the meeting. Waldron and Bartels indicated interest in working with Midland Davis to get the site up and running.

Bonnie Ballard of Rock Island and the local NAACP noted that she hopes that the board considers all people when making decisions to avoid any kind of bias.

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the March 15, 2022 minutes for review. Vyncke motioned to approve the minutes, and Waldron 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 April 19, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$84,529.00. Melton noted that this includes the 2nd disbursement of SWAG grants and some membership renewals. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Bartels moved to approve the bills, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Melton presented the March 31, 2022 Financial Reports. Melton highlighted that E-Waste was still running high, but White Goods are closer to the budgeted expense. Third Quarter tipping fees were received after this report and will be reported at the May meeting. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Toppert so moved, and Vyncke seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The March 31, 2022 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 March 31st, 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	\$243.10
TOTAL	<u>\$395,441.09</u>

Prior Year Receipts \$10,994,348.13

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022 **(\$336,632.73)**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$10,910,199.92)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$142,956.57</u>
POOL	\$142,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$956.57
TOTAL	<u>\$142,956.57</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 123 used tires, 128 units of white goods collected, and 4 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 454 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 149 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 2.33 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 534 unique visitors and 1112 page views.

6. Other Business.

None

7. Other Activities.

Status of Recycling Alternatives Discussion: Melton noted that staff continues to work with members to discuss potential recycling options. 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). A draft budget was prepared and provided to member staff. A meeting was held to discuss the draft budget, and staff is working to incorporate input for the draft that will be provided to the Board in May. The Budget and Solid Waste Plan Report will be presented to the Board in May and will lay on the table for a month to provide an opportunity for the Board and Public to provide additional input on both.

8. 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 Toppert seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:46 p.m.