

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Louisa Ewert, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Larry Toppert, Vice Chair, East Moline
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Nevada Lemke, Silvis	Mike Waldron, Chair, Moline
Wayne Oney, Port Byron	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Cordova	Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley
Missy Housenga, Rapids City	Dave Pannell, Milan
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island	Michelle Reyes, Hampton
Curtis Morrow, Andalusia	

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Melton, Bi-State	
Gena McCullough, Bi-State	Public Sign-In Attached

1. Introductions and Roll Call.
2. Comments from the Public. Dorothy Beck of Rock Island noted that the Agency does a number of good things and has great potential. She expressed concern with the Board's ability to act in the interest of the county as a whole rather than in the interest of individual municipalities. She was appreciative of the members in attendance, but wished there were more members present at meetings. She inquired about the potential of remote participation of board members to encourage attendance.

Phil Dennis of Rock Island made comments relating to the logo of RICWMA including a recycling symbol. He speculated that the meaning of the symbol might represent a lack of direction from the Board in its relation to staff. He urged the body to keep an open mind and consider alternatives to the draft budget.

Richard Nesseler of Big Island expressed concern for a reduction in recycling opportunities. He described strides made in environmental improvement over the years and urged the board to invest in the future.

3. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the April 19, 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 May 17, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$16,789.75. Melton reported these were typical program expenses. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Gottwalt moved to approve the bills, and Toppert seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Melton presented the April 30, 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 and are tracking slightly behind budget. Waldron asked if Waste Commission of Scott County might be amenable to a fixed cost contract for E-Waste similar to the Household Hazardous contract. Melton stated he would inquire. McCullough noted that Waste Commission staff mentioned capping the number of items to avoid non-residential use. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Vyncke so moved, and Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

The April 30, 2022 Rock Island County RICWMA Financial Report Summary (Cash Basis) is as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 April 30th, 2022

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2022**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$329,433.90
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$169,061.56
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	\$289.64

**TOTAL      \$508,360.90**

Prior Year Receipts      \$10,994,348.13

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022**      **(\$421,161.73)**

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

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$171,347.38**

POOL      \$98,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$73,347.38

**TOTAL      \$171,347.38**

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

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 241 used tires, 95 units of white goods collected, and 8 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 465 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 160 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 2.4 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 523 unique visitors and 1,172 page views.

6. Other Business.

**Presentation of Draft FY 2023 RICWMA Budget:** Melton presented a draft FY 2023 budget to the Board. Melton explained that a budget adjustment would also be required for FY 2022 and considered at the June Board meeting. FY 2022 year-end income and expenses were estimated based on year-to-date trends. FY 2023 income was estimated based on a 5-year average. Expenses were estimated based on annual trends. Staff recommended two new line items be added to balance anticipated income and expenses. One being \$40,000 toward County-Wide Waste Resources Outreach to inform the public on programs available through RICWMA through paid advertisement or other outreach mediums. The other being \$40,000 toward a Drop Off Recycling Fund to support public and private drop off recycling collection. The draft budget lays on the table for a month and will be considered at the June Board meeting.

**Presentation of Draft 2022 Solid Waste Management Plan Report:** Melton presented the Draft 2022 Solid Waste Management Report. The “Rock Island County Five Year Update of The Bi-State Regional Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan” was developed and is readopted by the RICWMA Board every 5 years following the initial plan on January 23, 1996. The previous plan was completed and adopted in June 2017. All plans and updates were submitted and filed with the Illinois EPA per the requirements of the Illinois Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act (SWPRA). This 2022 Five-Year Solid Waste Management Plan Update is intended to reaffirm and continue previous solid waste planning goals and activities, and to guide solid waste management direction and policy for the next five years. Changes to the plan include: updated information regarding discontinuation of recycling drop off sites, updated information regarding burn bans/restrictions, updated information regarding “pay as you throw” systems formerly used by some members, and added information regarding the Annual Household Hazardous Materials Collection Event. Waste generation data was not available at the time of this update, but is an optional element. Melton described the current policy recommendations as they stand in the plan. Melton presented the new recommendations and implementation schedule section of the plan and requested the board provide any suggested changes over the coming month. He then shared results of a survey of the Board. Challenges and threats related to solid waste management identified by the board included: rural accessibility and representation, staffing shortage/manpower, cost, proper funding for county-wide recycling, PFAS chemicals (wastewater), and landfill space. One additional policy recommendation was submitted as a comment to the survey stating: “There needs to be a fully funded state, local and private organization to promote recycling and waste minimization.” Melton shared the results of a

prioritization of the existing policy recommendations. The plan update lays on the table for a month and will be considered and the June Board meeting following a public hearing.

7. Other Activities.

**Status of Recycling Alternatives Discussion:** Melton noted that staff continues to work with members to discuss potential recycling options. Melton noted that staff had attended a study session for the Rock Island City Council to discuss recycling options in the city. The city will be exploring possibilities of bolstering their current curbside recycling program and/or feasibility of hosting its own drop-off site. Waldron inquired to Michael Davis of Midland Davis about the status of drop-off recycling at the facility. He reported that they are currently accepting recycling. Waldron asked if it would help to advertise the site. Davis said it would.

**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). Otherwise, staff has been focused on drafting the FY 23 Budget and 2022 Solid Waste Management Plan Report.

**Reminder:** SWAG Grants must be expended by the end of June, and grant reports are due by the end of July.

**IL EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant:** Melton noted that IL EPA posted a Notice of Funding Opportunity for a new grant program to assist with the development of Solid Waste Management Plans and other related activities. Melton indicated that staff would submit an application. The maximum amount of the grant is \$5,000 per county.

**Comments from the public continued:** Phil Dennis commended Midland Davis for accepting recycling. He expressed confusion of the process and if RICWMA was going to offer direct assistance to Midland Davis to provide a drop-off site. Dennis provided additional commentary on the City of Rock Island Study session.

Lori McCullough of Rock Island expressed that she sees the removal of the drop-off sites as an equity issue. She stated that 30% of the county is without a convenient way to recycle. She communicated that curbside recycling is not practical for everyone especially in multifamily housing with limited access to storage for totes.

Joe Skaff with Republic services stated that they are willing and able to help with the program.

Dorothy Beck noted that elimination of the drop-off was not anticipated in the previous 5-year plan.

Darci Anderson noted how e-waste recycling has increased significantly and suggested the board could consider charging a fee for use where there is none now to offset the cost to RICWMA. She was interested in hearing more detail on how the \$40,000 would be spent for county-wide waste resources outreach.

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 2:10 p.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD  
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF  
(Please Print Legibly)**

Meeting of: Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) Board Meeting

Date: 5-17-22 Time: 1:00PM To \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Board Chambers

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12. Phil Dennis	Bring Back Bins	
13. Dorothy Beck	" " "	
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