

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

Tuesday, June 21, 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)
Nick Gottwalt, Carbon Cliff
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
Shawn Johnson, Milan
Rhea Oaks, East Moline

Wayne Oney, Port Byron
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Mike Waldron, Chair, Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Cordova
Missy Housenga, Rapids City
Curtis Morrow, Andalusia

Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley
Michelle Reyes, Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Gena McCullough, Bi-State
Brandon Melton, Bi-State

Public Sign-In Attached

1. Public Hearing on the 2022-2027 Rock Island County Solid Waste Management Plan Update.
Waldron opened the public meeting at 1:01 pm. Dorothy Beck of Rock Island noted that a Bi-State plan is referenced in the Rock Island County plan and wanted to know if that meant the plan included other counties. Melton explained that this was the original name for the plan that included Iowa and Illinois Counties within the region, and is referenced in the Rock Island County plan, but the plan under public comment is specific to Rock Island County. Beck noted that the plan states that the recycling rate goal was met in previous years, but wanted to know the current recycling rate. Melton responded that the information was not available at the time of the report. Beck noted that while there is information about the drop-off sites being discontinued, there is nothing about replacement of the sites. Melton responded that drop-off recycling will be determined through annual budgeting processes. Beck noted that item 3E of the report says yes, to the question “Does the recycling program include provisions for compliance, including incentives and penalties?” However, the narrative seems to indicate it does not, and Beck recommended the answer be consistent. Beck asked if the Agency intends to seek grants for additional funding. Melton responded that it is typical for RICWMA to seek grants when available and consistent with Board direction and budget constraints if matching funds are required.

David Anderson advocated that at least cardboard be collected at drop-off locations. Waldron indicated that comments regarding recycling drop-off sites are related to the budget and should be reserved for the public comment period under item 3 of the agenda.

Hearing no other public comments, Vyncke motioned to close the public hearing. Gottwalt seconded, and the public hearing was closed by consensus by 1:11 pm.

2. Introductions and Roll Call. Waldron facilitated Roll Call. A moment of silence was observed for the loss of Alderman Larry Toppert who served as Vice Chair of the Board for the past year. A quorum was present.
3. Comments from the Public. The Board took public comments. David Anderson reiterated that at least paper and cardboard should be considered for collection. He stated that plastic and electronics are problematic to recycle. Bev Wilt of Rock Island stated that Rock Island County residents are buying gas and shopping in Iowa more because they are going there to recycle, which leads to a loss of business in the county. Tamera Feldman of Rock Island stated that moving the drop-off to Scott County has increased the cost of her doing business.
4. Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron directed the Board to the May 17, 2022 minutes for review. Hurt motioned to approve the minutes, and Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board. Oaks abstained.
5. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)
Melton presented the June 21, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$20,876.88. Melton reported these were typical program expenses. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Vyncke moved to approve the bills, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board. Oaks abstained.

Melton presented the May 31, 2022 Financial Reports. Melton highlighted that E-Waste was still running high, but White Goods is under, and staffing costs are closer to the budgeted expense. Melton reported that he inquired with Waste Commission of Scott County regarding a fixed cost for E-Waste similar to HHW. Scott County responded that they may be open to it, but would like another year to study trends before deciding. Waldron 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 consensus of the Board. Oaks abstained.

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

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
May 31st, 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	\$330.63
TOTAL	<u>\$508,401.89</u>

Prior Year Receipts	\$10,994,348.13
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DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022 **(\$437,951.48)**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$10,910,199.92)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$154,598.62</u>
POOL	\$154,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$598.62
TOTAL	<u>\$154,598.62</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 469 used tires, 142 units of white goods collected, and 12 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 545 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 177 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 7.3 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 554 unique visitors and 1,118 page views.

7. Other Business.

Consideration of the 2022-2027 Rock Island County Solid Waste Management Plan: Melton communicated that the only changes made since the plan was presented in May were the addition of a summary of survey results from the Board survey regarding the plan and the addition of language emphasizing the importance of sustaining existing programs. Vyncke moved to approve the plan as presented. Oaks seconded. The board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Consideration of FY 2023 RICWMA Budget: Phil Dennis of Rock Island approached the Board to elaborate on public input submitted to the board previously regarding a proposal by the Bring Back the Bins group. Melton indicated to Waldron that he had communicated to Dennis that there would be a chance for public comment prior to the Budget consideration, which is why there may have been confusion on when to bring his comments forward. Waldron allowed the additional public input. Information regarding the proposal is attached to these minutes.

Regarding the Budget recommended by Staff, Melton noted that there were no changes from the draft presented in May. He reiterated that income was based on a 5-year average. Staff costs were increased to account for the annual HHM collection event. Two line items were added. One was for the promotion of existing RICWMA programs, the HHM event and a survey to better understand the Solid Waste needs of the County. The second was \$40,000 toward a drop-off recycling fund set-aside to support county-wide recycling drop-off sites open to the public. Once approved, member staff would provide a recommendation to the Board for specific use of the fund.

Melton noted that public input had been received that advocated for the creation of two public recycling drop-off sites. Melton provided a breakdown of estimated costs based on previous use estimated by RICWMA staff, and maintenance and administrative costs estimated by City of Rock Island staff. It was estimated that it would take approximately \$70,000 per year to fully fund a single site. This estimate does not include the RFP process required to establish service, nor does it include any additional site security such as fencing or surveillance.

Waldron motioned to amend the budget to remove the two new line items proposed by staff and to add a line item called "Recycling Opportunities and Incentives" for \$80,000 and approve the budget as amended. Vyncke seconded. Melton clarified that this funding was to be used potentially for any recycling program and was not specific just to drop-off recycling. Waldron confirmed this was the intent. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Consideration of the Agreement for Services for Staff Support with Bi-State Regional

Commission: Melton presented the Agreement to the Board noting that the only changes made other than the effective dates were related to the compensation rates to reflect current staffing. Gottwalt motioned to approve the Agreement. Hurt seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous approval of the Board.

8. Other Activities.

Status of Recycling Alternatives Discussion: Melton noted that Republic Services declined to host a recycling drop-off location at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill in East Moline citing liability concerns. Melton also noted that he had approached the Millennium Landfill operator with a similar proposition.

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. Melton reminded the Board that SWAG funds should be expended by the end of June, and grant reports are due at the end of July.

9. 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 Gottwalt seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:50 p.m.