

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

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

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

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rhea Oaks, East Moline  
Wayne Oney, Port Byron  
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  
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island

Curtis Morrow, Andalusia  
Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley  
Michelle Reyes, Hampton  
Steve Seiver, Milan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brandon Melton, Bi-State  
Public Sign-In Attached

1. **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.
2. **Comments from the Public.** Dorothy Beck of Rock Island expressed disappointment that the Board was unreceptive to public input regarding the Solid Waste Plan as well as the FY 23 budget. She said she was confused about the result and what the Recycling Opportunities and Incentives line item was to be used for. She stated that the Board has failed the Rock Island County Residents by eliminating four drop off sites. Waldron clarified that the funds are not only to support drop-off recycling, but any recycling activity in the county. It could be used to support drop-off sites, but could also be used for public education and other activities supporting recycling. Phil Dennis of Rock Island stated that he took recycling to Midland Davis, and that there were seven bins. He suggested the Board make a proposal to the current vender to support two additional co-mingle roll off-bins for \$60,000. Lori McCullum of Rock Island asked what the current recycling rate for the county was. Melton indicated that an exact percentage isn't known at this time. McCullum recommended setting a goal of 50%. Dave Collier of Rural Township noted that Millennium Landfill is expanding three acres. He is concerned that more recyclable material will be going to the landfill and feels that we need to start doing more. Darcy Anderson said the board needs to consider the entire County, including rural residents. She asked the Board to reconsider the SWAG Grants. She suggested that if the Board was not able to solve these problems, then maybe they should look to the state.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron directed the Board to the June 21, 2022 minutes for review. Vyncke motioned to approve the minutes, and Oney seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)  
 Melton presented the July 19, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$38,568.71. Melton reported these were typical program expenses other than the website hosting renewal fee. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Oaks moved to approve the bills, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Melton presented the June 30, 2022 Financial Reports. Melton noted that the income still only represented three quarters and the final tipping fees should be received in the next month. Melton highlighted that E-Waste finished high for the year, but White Goods and staffing costs were 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. Vyncke so moved, and Oney seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 June 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                                | \$431.09     |

**TOTAL      \$508,502.35**

Prior Year Receipts      \$10,994,348.13

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022**      **(\$458,828.36)**

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

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$133,822.20**

POOL      \$133,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$822.20

**TOTAL      \$133,822.20**

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

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 389 used tires, 217 units of white goods collected, and 10 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 562 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 172 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 1.74 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

**RICWMA Website Statistics:** The RICWMA website had 550 unique visitors and 1,215 page views.

6. Other Business.

**Consideration of FY 2022 RICWMA Budget Adjustment:** Melton presented the proposed budget adjustment. He noted that the E-Waste amount was increased to account for increased use over the year. The HHW event and the Drop-Off Recycling items were adjusted to reflect final costs. Oney motioned to approve the FY 2022 RICWMA Budget Adjustment as presented. Oaks seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the board.

**Consideration of FY 2023 Waste Commission of Scott County Contracts for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste:** Copies of the contracts were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There were no significant changes to the contracts from previous years. The Board considered each contract individually.

Vyncke motioned to approve the contract for Household Hazardous Waste. Waldron seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the board.

Oney motioned to approve the contract for Electronic Waste. Vyncke seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the board.

**Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Waldron nominated Vyncke for vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Oaks. Vyncke nominated Waldron for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Oaks. Both nominations were approved by consensus of the board.

7. Other Activities.

**Recycling Opportunities and Incentives Discussion:** Melton noted that Staff had discussed proposed uses for the fund. These uses could include a grant program to assist public or private entities providing drop off recycling opportunities to the general public. The initial limit proposed would be \$10,000 per year per provider. Eligible activities might include signage, advertising specific to recycling, and costs associated with illegal dumping. Additionally public outreach, such as a survey of recycling needs for the County, could be conducted. Cost estimates for such an effort still need to be made. Staff will continue to solidify these suggestions into a proposal for the Board to consider.

**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). 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.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:40 p.m.