

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

Tuesday, February 15, 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
Dave Smith, Silvis

Larry Toppert, Vice Chair, East Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Mike Waldron, Chair, Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barb Cray, Port Byron
Patsy Fidler, Cordova
Missy Housenga, Rapids City

Randy Hurt, Rock Island
Curtis Morrow, Andalusia
Michelle Reyes, Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Melton, Bi-State

Public Sign-In Attached

1. Introductions and Roll Call.
2. Comments from the Public.

Dorothy Beck of Rock Island prepared remarks attached to these minutes titled “Notes for RICWMA Presentation, February 15, 2022”

Shirly Johnson provided information relating to estimated residents without drop off including rural residents and multifamily housing. The figures Johnson provided are attached to these minutes.

Lori McCullum of Rock Island prepared remakes attached to these minutes titled “Information presented to the RICWMA meeting, February 15, 2022.

Phil Dennis made remarks regarding the Minutes of June 2021 and a 3rd option presented when making the budgetary decision to eliminate the drop off recycling program and why it was not voted on.

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron chaired the meeting and directed the Board to the January 18, 2022 minutes for review. Toppert motioned to approve the minutes, and Vyncke 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 February 15, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$14,453.97. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Vyncke moved to approve the bills, and Waldron seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

Melton presented the January 31, 2022 Financial Reports. Melton highlighted that E-Waste and White Goods collection are running high. 2nd Quarter tipping fees are expected to be received in February and will be reported at the next meeting. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Smith so moved, and Toppert seconded. The motion carried by unanimous approval of the Board.

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

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2022

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$174,126.74
Republic Services	\$84,495.64
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	\$206.51

TOTAL \$268,404.69

Prior Year Receipts \$10,994,348.13

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2022

(\$310,056.67)

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

CURRENT BALANCES \$42,496.23

POOL \$42,000.00

CHECKBOOK \$496.23

TOTAL \$42,496.23

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 206 used tires, 145 units of white goods collected, and 14 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 363 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 76 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 2.21 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: The RICWMA website had 371 unique visitors and 763 page views.

6. Other Business.

Melton reported that Rapids City will be holding an E-Waste collection event on April 23. The village staffs the event and covers hauling cost, and RICWMA covers the disposal fee.

7. Other Activities.

Status of Recycling Alternatives Discussion: Melton noted that staff continues to work with members to discuss potential recycling options. Staff is waiting to receive tipping fees for the 2nd quarter to better inform estimates for the next fiscal year and move discussions forward with jurisdictions interested in potentially reestablishing drop-off recycling. Melton shared pricing information with member governments in case they wanted to establish their own drop-off sites and solicited interest in a joint RFP for collection services. Melton reiterated that programs will be reviewed as part of the planning and budgeting process. Waldron requested that staff delay the second disbursement of the SWAG grant until after 2nd quarter revenue is received to allow for any necessary adjustments.

Smith shared that Silvis has initiated a drop-off open to Silvis residents during business hours. Waldron shared that Moline has done this in the past, but has had issues with illegal dumping. Waldron requested Melton send pricing information to townships.

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).

Additional Public Comment: Dorothy Beck expressed concern that small communities are not being represented at the meetings due to a lack of attendance from Board representatives.

Dave Collier recalled a study being conducted by volunteers from local colleges relating to the drop-off sites and offered that the Board might utilize volunteers again to improve programs.

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 Smith seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned by consensus of the Board at 1:30 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

(Please Print Legibly)

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

Date: 2-15-22 Time: 1:00 PM To Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Board Chambers, 1504 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Brandon Melton	Coordinator/RICWMA	309-788-8925
2. Mike Waldron	City of Moline	309-912-9318
3. Dorothy Beck	Rock Island	309-236-1708
4. Phil Dennis	Rock Island	309-716-9892
5. Mike Waldron	West Branch	
6. Franki Gunningham	Moline	309-269-2106
7. Brian Vynne	RICO Board	
8. Lori M. Bell	Rock Island	309-230-2672
9. Myra J. Papp	EM	309-314-5901
10. Paul Guse	RI	309-786-1639
11. Shirley J. Papp	Moline	309-234-1379
12. Nick Gorman	CARDONS CLIFF	309-796-6045
13. Louisa Ewert	Co Treasurer	
14. Cindy Trapp	EM	309-796-4660
15. Doug Papp	RURAL TOWNSHIP	309-787-4871
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Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee Report to the General Assembly

July 1, 2021

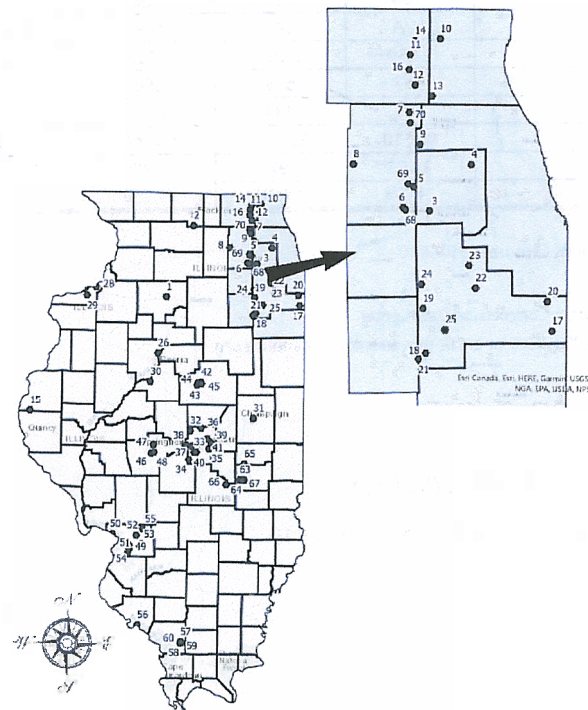


7) Drop-Off Recycling Locations

The distribution of drop-off traditional recycling locations (including sites that collect recyclables, electronics and/or food scraps) sites shown on Figure 13 indicates there is likely a need for more drop-off recycling facilities in rural areas to serve residents who typically are not offered curbside recycling service. This map does not include sites that collect source separated items such as books, textiles, etc. For a list of sites that collect such materials please visit, the [Illinois Beyond the Bin](#). Detailed information on each site identified in this map can be found in Appendix G.7.

Figure 13: Drop-Off Facilities

Drop-Off Facilities



AREA	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	1990 Corrected Counts	2000	2000 Corrected Counts	Special Census	2010	2010 Corrected Counts	% Change 2000-2010
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY	133,558	150,991	166,734	165,968	148,723		149,374	149,388		147,546		15.7%
Village of Andalusia	510	560	950	1,238	1,052		1,050			1,178		12.3%
Village of Carbon Cliff	676	1,268	1,369	1,578	1,492		1,689			2,134		26.3%
Village of Coal Valley	363	435	3,008	3,800	2,683	3,527	3,606			3,743		3.6%
Village of Cordova	475	502	589	697	638		633	651		672		3.2%
City of East Moline	13,913	16,732	20,832	20,907	20,147		20,333	21,431		21,302		-0.6%
Village of Hampton	706	742	1,612	1,873	1,601		1,626			1,863		14.6%
Village of Hillsdale	N/A	490	539	731	489		588			523		-11.1%
Village of Milan	1,737	3,065	4,873	6,371	5,831	5,753	5,348			5,099		-4.7%
City of Moline	37,397	42,705	46,237	45,709	43,202	43,080	43,768			43,483		-0.7%
Village of Oak Grove	N/A	143	618	695	626		1,318	728		396	607	-16.6%
Village of Port Byron	1,050	1,153	1,222	1,289	1,002		1,535			1,647		7.3%
Village of Rapids City	487	675	656	1,058	932		953			959		0.6%
Village of Reynolds	406	494	610	701	583		508			539		6.1%
City of Rock Island	48,710	51,863	50,166	47,036	40,552	40,630	39,684			39,018		-1.7%
City of Silvis	3,055	3,973	5,907	7,130	6,926		7,269			7,479		2.9%
Unincorporated Area	24,073	26,191	27,546	25,155	20,967		19,466			24,990		26.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1950-2010

Data Compiled by Bi-State Regional Commission Data Center

For more information call: (309) 793-6300 or email: mcverton@bistateonline.org

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Housing

Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)

66,171

Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019

68.0%

Rock Island County Unincorporated Area 17% 30-35% of RI County Residents do not have access to residential recycling
Multi-family Housing Occupant Estimate 17%
Multi-family Housing Occupant Estimate 22,000 - 33,000 people
Assuming 1 to 2 people per housing unit.

NOTES FOR RICWMA PRESENTATION, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

I've read over the RICWMA minutes for the last sixteen months, and I've discovered several items worth noting publicly.

1. It appears from your minutes that over the past year there has been a **dramatic eroding of the Waste Management Authority's commitment to recycling:**

--In 2021, the agency eliminated its subsidy to communities establishing curbside recycling, noting that the member communities by that time all were offering established curbside options.

--In the budget prepared for 2021, financial support to the four communities hosting the sites was cut, leaving Milan, East Moline, Moline and Rock Island to bear by themselves the significant expenses associated with hosting.

--In June 2021, the Agency voted cut off all public drop-off recycling, choosing instead to retain the SWAG grants to all member communities. (The purpose of the *SWAG grants, according to Bi-State representative Gena McCullough, is to spend down extra income.*) Four members representing their own communities voted to eliminate the long-standing recycling opportunities; two voted to retain it. One member abstained. So the votes of four people on a thirteen member board eliminated all drop-off recycling, leaving multi-family housing units, most rural communities, and many others with no recycling options in the County.

2. Over the last fifteen months, attendance at RICWMA has been uneven. Often "alternates" attend and vote in place of the appointed members. Even so, there is rarely even a simple majority present, as a quorum is determined by how much weight each member's community carries. Some representatives have not been there in over a year, leaving smaller communities with no voice in decisions that affect them in particular –like recycling!

3. In the last twelve months that Drop-Off Recycling was available at the four sites in Rock Island County, your minutes show that over **800 tons of recyclable material was collected**. You have no idea where recyclable material that used to be taken to the drop off sites now goes.

4. Your income figures reported in your minutes show \$264,4111 for November 2020 and \$264,964 for December 2020, both apparently from tipping fees when RICWMA still supported recycling. A year later, after drop-off recycling was eliminated, income rose to \$268,347 for November 2021 and \$268,378 for December 2021. The rate RICWMA can collect from tipping fees has not increased, so obviously the dumping in our landfills has increased.

Information presented to the RICWMA meeting, February 15, 2022

I want to bring to your attention the data collected in our community last October by the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative. This organization, sponsored by the Mayors of the Mississippi River, the UN Environmental Programme, National Geographic, and the University of Georgia, came to the Quad Cities as part of their Plastic Pollution Initiative. We were one of many communities along the Mississippi River where they asked citizen scientists to collect data on our watershed. 266 volunteers logged data across the month and surveyed the equivalent of more than 10,000 football fields across our communities.

They found nearly 25,000 pieces of litter, including cigarette butts, food wrappers, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, beverage bottles, plastic bags, and miscellaneous plastic waste. By far the majority of it was potentially recyclable material. They met with municipal and county leaders and shared this data in November, and discussed how to address this massive problem. All of our local mayors committed to protecting our watershed from waste. This is not only important to our community, but because 40% of the plastic waste found in the Gulf of Mexico come^{are} down the Mississippi River and negatively impacts the economy and health of this important body of water.

I believe that reducing our recycling options will increase litter in our community and make it impossible to meet this commitment. We ^{are} going backwards instead of meeting this challenge. Each municipal and county agency needs to step up and improve waste management in our community instead of going backwards. We ask for your help.