

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

Tuesday, August 16, 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)	Nevada Lemke, City of Silvis
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff	Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County	Mike Waldron, Chair, City of Moline
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patsy Fidler, Village of Cordova	Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City	Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Curtis Morrow, Village of Andalusia	

OTHERS PRESENT

Jennifer Bizarri, RICWMA  
Gena McCullough, RICWMA  
Public Sign-In Attached

1. Introductions and Roll Call. Waldron facilitated Roll Call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. Dennis of Rock Island provided two photos of the prior RICWMA drop-off recycling bins and the bins currently being provided by Midland Davis for public use. The Midland Davis public service provides some roll-off bins and totes to collect drop-off materials, which were described as less than equivalent to the original public program.

Beck of Rock Island thanked RICWMA staff for providing a quick response to her e-mailed inquiry. She wondered why there has been no update of the percentage recycled since the 1997 RICWMA solid waste plan, and asked the board to seriously consider a change in their priorities with a focus on recycling. She requested, as she had previously in public comments, the establishment of a citizen advisory committee to supplement the local government informed input to the annual budget. She commented on the lack of small community participation and suggested the board consider providing virtual opportunities for participation, and referenced the Open Meetings Act.

Collier of Rural Township reported on development of a new cell at Millenium Waste landfill. The cell would allow more waste to be disposed in the county, and invited the board to tour the landfill to see what materials are being dumped.

Anderson of Rock Island inquired about public engagement and why board members were not in regular attendance. She wondered if education was a component of the organization where was it? She advocated for a citizen advisory group, and noted a lack of transparency.

3. Approval of Minutes of the July 19, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Board Meeting. Waldron directed the Board to the July 19, 2022 minutes for review. Oakes motioned to approve the minutes, and Hurt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) McCullough directed the Board to the July 19 Accounts Payable Statement to note the website bill approved at the last meeting was for the current fiscal year, FY2023. McCullough presented the August 16, 2022 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$24,539.34. McCullough reported these were typical program expenses and for the household hazardous materials program, the agency was billed quarterly. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the monthly bills. Oakes moved to approve the bills, and Grafton seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

McCullough presented the July 31, 2022 Financial Reports. McCullough noted no new income as the solid waste fees were provided quarterly, and reported on expenses such as communications/subscriptions and the Rock Island County-Cost Allocation, which were paid in sums, according to renewals or by agreement. Waldron asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Lemke moved, and seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 July 31st, 2022

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2023**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$98,037.04
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$0.00
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant ERP 2013 & 2014	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$132.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$98,169.82</u></b>

Prior Year Receipts \$11,502,850.48

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2023** (\$38,568.71)

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$11,369,028.28)
<b>CURRENT BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$193,423.31</u></b>
POOL	\$95,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$98,423.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$193,423.31</u></b>

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

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 226 used tires, 127 units of white goods collected, and 14 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 487 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 150 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 1.29 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 1,056 unique visitors and 2,164 page views.

6. Other Business. Oakes inquired about the status of the Household Hazardous Waste event, which would be shared under Other Activities. Hurt commented on the earlier public comment on a request for virtual meeting accommodations as practiced by Rock Island and Rock Island County. Waldron noted that Moline’s interpretation for public meetings requires a quorum in the room and only under special circumstances can officials participate remotely. The Board directed staff to look into this further and work with the Executive Committee on the findings.

Oaks inquired about signing at the Midland Davis site to acknowledge the public drop-off recycling opportunity. Waldron noted the the City of Moline has offered to provide signing, but there has been no request to create it.

Hurt inquired about the status of outreach to the landfills for other potential drop-off recycling options. Staff have contacted Republic Services for the landfill in East Moline. They declined citing liability issues. Millennium Waste has also been contacted, and staff followed up this morning without receiving a reply. Waldron noted that Moline a number of years ago had also approached Millennium Waste and request was declined due to liability issues.

7. Other Activities.

**Recycling Opportunities and Incentives Discussion:** No report.

**Joint Illinois EPA and RICWMA Household Hazardous Materials Event – September 10, 2022:** McCullough had prepared a media release and was working on advertising, and had submitted information to the Illinois EPA for review. A sign-up system has been set up to take appointments in 15-minute increments with up to 25 vehicles per 15 minute period. However, Illinois EPA contacted RICWMA staff to cancel the event due to an equipment problem of their disposal contractor. The program has been suspended until further notice. RICWMA staff will cancel the fairgrounds reservation and police officer services. Illinois EPA indicated that RICWMA could host a spring event if it works within their schedule. Waldron motioned to direct staff to work with Illinois EPA on a spring event in lieu of the fall one, and Gottwalt seconded the motion. It carried.

**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).

**FY2022 SWAG Reports:** McCullough reported that all FY2022 SWAG reports had been received and a summary was provided. Oakes motioned to accept the reports as received. Hurt seconded the motion, and it carried.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Oakes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Waldron seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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

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

Date: 8/16/22 Time: 1:00PM To 1:47PM Minutes: Yes X No     

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 317

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14. Randy Hurt	RI CITY	
15. Nick Gorman	Carroll Cliff	
16. Gena McCullough	RICWMA	
17. Jennifer Bizani	RICWMA	
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