

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

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 317  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island	Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Mike Waldron, Chair, City of Moline
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barb Cray, Village of Port Byron	Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley
Patsy Fidler, Village of Cordova	Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City	David Smith, City of Silvis
Curtis Morrow, Village of Andalusia	

OTHERS PRESENT

Jodi Acheson, Republic Services	Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County
Dorothy Beck, Bring Back the Bins	
Jennifer Bizarri, RICWMA	Dominic Remmes, Millennium Waste
Dave Collier, Rural Township	David Silverman, Ancel Glick
Phil Dennis, Bring Back the Bins	Bob Vitas, City of Moline
Fred Kissa, MWI	Walter Willis, Consultant for City of Moline
Gena McCullough, RICWMA	Paul Wymore, Republic Services

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Waldron conducting the Roll Call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. There were no public comments.
3. Ratification of Actions and Approval of Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting Mr. Waldron directed the Board to review the actions and the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve both the actions and the minutes from December 20, 2022, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Ms. McCullough presented the January 17, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$32,666.92. McCullough reported on bills for Demanufacturing Electronic service fees, the quarterly Scott area household hazardous waste, Scott area landfill local government tire program, Weikert curbside appliance and tire recycling program, and the Bi-State Regional Commission monthly charges. Ms. McCullough presented the December 31, 2022 Financial Reports at 50% through the fiscal year. Ms. McCullough noted interest is exceeding expectations at 308%. The

solid waste fee income, which is only added to the account quarterly, is only at 28%. Regarding administrative expenses, all are less than 50% spending with the exception of professional services, which is a one-time payment for the audit and insurance that was paid for all of FY2023 and FY2024. Regarding expenses, the all of the RICWMA programs are at 50% or less in expenses. The expenses are on target. The cash reconciliation dated 12/31/2022 is \$176,347.90, the receipts are \$287,077.83 and disbursements are \$208,175.45. Mr. Waldron asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable and accept the Financial Reports and to place them on file. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve payment of the bills, and accept the financial report. Mr. Vyncke seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

5. December 2022 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bizarri reviewed the December 2022 reports for the benefit of the Board. The report is as follows:

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 175 used tires, 100 units of white goods collected, and 5 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 427 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 145 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 3.89 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

**RICWMA Website Statistics:** The RICWMA website had 409 unique visitors and 755 page views.

6. Other Business. Mr. Waldron introduced the presentation on the Pollution Control Facility Siting – Transfer Station from Walter Willis, consultant for Moline, and Bob Vitas, Moline City Administrator. Mr. Willis noted his experience with SWALCO, a Lake County solid waste agency, and with the consent of his board does consulting on waste issues outside of his agency role. A handout outlining a proposed transfer station in Moline was distributed to members present. The City of Moline is considering a siting proposal from a Chicago-area based private solid waste management company, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) <https://www.lrsrecycles.com/about/>, that would locate a municipal solid waste transfer station in Moline on leased airport property, south of the airport and east of the existing auto auction.

Municipal solid waste is expected to be processed inside a building on a 10-acre site by LRS at the transfer station. Additionally, hydro excavation material, recyclables, and landscape waste will also be processed. The proposal with the City of Moline and LRS would include:

- Public drop-off recycling onsite and open to ALL Rock Island County residents during business hours, collecting recyclable materials similar to those collected in Moline’s curbside program.
- Option to provide a second off-site drop-off recycling site in Rock Island County.
- An electronics drop-off for Moline residents ONLY. [RICWMA currently holds a contract with the Waste Commission of Scott County for disposal of electronics at no cost to any resident of Rock Island County.]
- Host fee collected by the City of Moline and split with RICWMA (will require an agreement with RICWMA) to offset any lost landfill solid waste fees. Fees will be the equivalent fee

amount collected for solid waste at the existing two landfills on waste being transferred from the LRS facility or \$1.27 per ton. Fee would run with the facility permit life. Each year, the host fee will be adjusted to the Consumer Price Index, and it was indicated that RICWMA would also see the increase from the shared revenue with Moline.

- LRS is willing to be a household hazardous materials event host site.

A local siting determination must be made prior to LRS submitting an application for a pollution control facility permit with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). There are two criteria of nine applicable to RICWMA related to siting of a pollution control facility: 1) Proposed facility consistency with the Plan 2) Demonstrated need for the facility.

The City of Moline will provide a formal letter requesting whether the proposed pollution control facility-transfer station is consistent with the Rock Island County Waste Management Plan and a statement of need, and ask that it be recognized through a formal resolution. This will occur after the Moline City Council approves an agreement with LRS.

Mr. Waldron asked for questions from the board and then the public. Mr. Dennis expressed appreciation and support for the consideration of drop-off locations as a great step forward. Mr. Remmes commented that it was a positive consideration to keep RICWMA whole with shared host funding between Moline and RICWMA. Mr. Waldron noted that he would recuse himself from the February meeting when discussions of the transfer station occur, and will send Michael Doi in his place as a representative of Moline.

7. Other Activities. Ms. McCullough noted staff prepared a request for proposal for future audit services, reviewed the solid waste plan history and related intergovernmental agreement, and participated in a meeting with an unsolicited waste-to-energy developer and Rock Island County representatives. Contact was made to the Rock Island County Fairgrounds to determine availability for holding a household hazardous materials collection event in the spring. Staff participated in Food Rescue Partnership meetings and reported diversion of 53,963 lbs. of food waste in 2022. Staff will also be participating in coordination meetings on XStream Clean Up. Clean-ups are held at varying times rather than one set day.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vyncke seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.