

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 317  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)  
Mike Doi, City of Moline  
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan  
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island

Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline  
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron  
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patsy Fidler, Village of Cordova  
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City  
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia  
Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley

Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton  
David Smith, City of Silvis

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Bizarri, RICWMA  
Denise Bulat, RICWMA  
Dave Collier, Rural Township  
Phil Dennis, Bring Back the Bins  
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County  
Gena McCullough, RICWMA  
Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott  
County

Richard Nessler, Bring Back the Bins  
Bryce Stalcup, Waste Commission of Scott  
County  
Todd Thompson, City of Rock Island  
Luke VanLandegren, City of Rock Island  
Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling  
2 Others Not Signed In

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 with Mr. Vyncke, Vice Chair, conducting the Roll Call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. Mr. Dennis, Bring Back The Bins group and Rock Island resident, posed inquiries to the Board that included the following:
  - Inquired about the transfer station timeline related to RICWMA making a determination on consistency with the plan and on need.
  - Asked for clarification on January minutes related to “making RICWMA whole.” Ms. McCullough referenced the proposed agreement between LRS and Moline that is proposed to include \$1.27/ton solid waste fee to offset waste that may no longer be going to one of the two landfills in Rock Island County.
  - Asked about the minutes related to a waste-to-energy unsolicited proposal to Rock Island County that is not moving forward.

Mr. Nessler (Bring Back The Bins Group, Big Island/unincorporated Rock Island County) and Mr. Dennis both commented on their dissatisfaction with RICWMA discontinuing the drop-off recycling program, and were reticent about the time it will take to initiate an alternative with LRS, stated as 2025. Both appreciated another option in Rock Island County in addition to the Midland drop-off recycling option.

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023 and amend the minutes to include that Dominic Remmes was in attendance. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion with the amendment. 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 February 21, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$16,603.47. McCullough reported bills included e-waste services, local government tire program, appliance and tire recycling program, and monthly administrative services. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough presented income and expenses through January 31, 2023 being 58% through the fiscal year. Ms. McCullough noted interest is exceeding expectations at 409.63%. The solid waste fee income is added to the account quarterly and will be reflected next month. All of the RICWMA programs are below 58% with e-waste being 52.27%. The expenses are on target. The cash reconciliation dated 1/31/23 is \$200,087.25. The receipts are \$327,420.65 and disbursements are \$215,851.35. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Ms. Oakes motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Hurt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The receipts and disbursements through January 31, 2023 were provided to board members as follows:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 January 31st, 2023**

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2023**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)      | \$203,387.63               |
| AWIN Management (fka Republic Services) | \$121,442.46               |
| 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                                | \$2,590.56                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b><u>\$327,420.65</u></b> |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Prior Year Receipts | \$11,502,850.48 |
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**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2023** **(\$245,391.50)**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Prior Year Disbursements | (\$11,369,028.28)          |
| <b>CURRENT BALANCES</b>  | <b><u>\$215,851.35</u></b> |
| POOL                     | \$215,000.00               |
| CHECKBOOK                | \$851.35                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b><u>\$215,851.35</u></b> |

5. January 2023 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bizarri reviewed the January 2023 reports for the benefit of the Board. The report is as follows:

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 339 used tires, 105 units of white goods collected, and 5 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 365 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 121 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 3.56 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 470 unique visitors and 1,014 page views.

6. Other Business. Mike Waldron resigned as Chair to avoid any conflict of interest in the proposed transfer station siting process. Mr. Vyncke noted that the Executive Committee recommended Chair as himself, and Vice-Chair as Ms. Oakes. He opened the floor to any additional nominations. None were received. Mr. Gibson motioned to accept the nominations and recommend Ms. Oakes for Vice-Chair, and Mr. Vyncke as Chair. It was seconded by Mr. Hurt, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The Executive Committee asked staff to research and get an estimate on legal services in order to have an independent legal opinion on the transfer station matter. Ms. Bulat indicated that four firms with environmental expertise and more specifically solid waste experience were contacted. She found one had a conflict of interest and two declined due to timing and capacity. The Board was provided with a letter from Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP by Elizabeth Harvey. She has experience in solid waste management and more specifically in pollution control facility local siting decisions. She has no known conflict of interest. As a local government, their firm would charge a rate of \$350/hour, and travel would be additional, but at half the hours if travel is needed. A retainer of \$5,000 was proposed, and the firm would bill against that retainer until it was exhausted, then would ask for it to be refreshed or bill monthly. To address the funding, budget amendments were proposed to include actual carryover of \$230,848 up from the adopted budget figure of \$228,076. Interest through the end of the year is projected to be \$4,200, since interest rates have improved significantly over the last two years. She noted removal of \$1,500 budgeted for the Household Hazardous Waste event that was not able to be rescheduled for the spring due to scheduling conflicts, and the in/out addition of the Illinois EPA solid waste planning grant for recycling data collection of \$5,000. Under professional services, \$10,000 was added to the budget for legal services.

Ms. McCullough recommended that the Board approve budget amendments to show adjusted income in carryover and interest as stated, removal of the Household Hazardous Waste line item for FY2023, addition of the solid waste planning grant as noted, additional expense of \$10,000 for legal services under the professional services line item, approval legal services up to \$10,000, securing Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP legal services, and approving an addendum to the accounts payable for a \$5,000 retainer to Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP. Mr. Vyncke indicated these would be taken as a whole if there were no objections. No objections were made. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the staff recommendation as stated. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board. Mr. Doi abstained from the vote.

Mr. Vyncke opened the floor to the board for discussion on the transfer station. Ms. McCullough indicated that Moline was being represented by Mr. Doi. RICWMA staff would record questions if they could not be answered in the meeting. Mr. Doi indicated he would take questions and provide a response in writing for the next meeting. Ms. Oakes asked the following questions:

- What is the timeline for the local siting process and information that will be sent to RICWMA Board members?
- How is need determined if it is not statutorily defined? How will LRS determine need?
- What is the criteria of the IEPA that determines whether a permit should be granted?

Overall, there was interest expressed in clarifying the timeline, and understanding what Moline has approved to date, such as the proposed agreement and its status, and approval(s) remaining at the City of Moline level.

7. Other Activities. Ms. McCullough noted staff was not able to secure a spring date, and determined October 7 as a fall date for the next Household Hazardous Waste event. Staff will secure the fairgrounds and wait for verification from the Illinois EPA that they can fiscally support a round of events in FY2024. They have agreed to the tentative date. The second quarter solid waste fees have been received and were 27% less than the first quarter. An intern has begun working on the Illinois EPA solid waste planning grant data collection project to be completed by June 30, 2023.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.