

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

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 317
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, Coal Valley
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Matt Carter, City of Silvis
Barb Cray, Village of Port Byron
Barry Dykhuizen, City of Moline
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Boone, Village of Cordova

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Bauman Sr., MWR
Dorothy Beck, Bring Back the Bins
Kenda Burrows, QCBT
Dave Collier, Rural Township
Phil Dennis, Bring Back the Bins
Jennifer Bizarri, RICWMA
Denise Bulat, RICWMA
Reggie Freeman, City of East Moline
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County

Elizabeth Harvey, Swanson, Martin & Bell
Fred Kissack, Rock Island Resident
Phil Kowalski, APTIM
Doug Maxeiner, City of East Moline
Gena McCullough, RICWMA
Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott Co.
Matt Privit, Republic Services
Dominic Remmes, Waste Connections
Todd Thompson, City of Rock Island

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mr. Vyncke who conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. Mr. Vyncke indicated that the Board typically takes public comments at the beginning of the meeting and while not noted on the agenda, he wanted to afford an opportunity of comment. Mr. Kowalski with APTIM was the consultant for Moline and author on need and plan consistency in the transfer station siting proposal. In his review of the Rock Island County Waste Management Plan document, he evaluated the proposed transfer station as being consistent and needed. He was open to answering any questions the Board had on the siting proposal.

Mr. Maxeiner, East Moline City Administrator, distributed a letter to the Board and touched on its content. He noted that RICWMA was formed to take a regional approach to waste management in Rock Island County. While the former chair of RICWMA was representing the City of Moline during the most recent plan update completed in summer 2022, there was no mention of need for a transfer station during the update process. Mr. Maxeiner also noted that the life expectancy for the Upper Rock Island County Landfill is reported to be 11 years with land capacity to expand up to 85

years of landfill life. Millennium Landfill has 36 years of life. He concluded that the proposed transfer station is not consistent with the plan and not needed.

Mr. Remmes, Waste Connections, indicated he has been in the area since 1998. There are three existing landfills in the Quad Cities metropolitan market, and assessed that it is a small market compared to Chicago. He stated that there is no need for a transfer station. He also recommended that RICWMA protect its waste fees by considering a host agreement if a new pollution control facility is sited.

Mr. Pivit, Republic Services, reiterated that the reported landfill life at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill is 11 years but there is up to 85 years of life with an expansion within the property. He announced that Republic Services opened a drop-off recycling site at the landfill that is open to the public during the landfill's hours of operation.

3. Consideration of Resolution Regarding Pollution Control Facility Siting for Transfer Station in Moline, Illinois. Ms. Bulat noted that a draft template resolution had been created in cooperation with RICWMA's legal consultant. The template was distributed to the Board for reference and projected onto a screen for viewing. Ms. Harvey, the Board's legal counsel, reiterated that the Board's role is to make a recommendation on the transfer station siting proposal and determine whether the proposal is or is not consistent with the plan, and is or is not needed in Rock Island County. The Board began its discussion and focused on wording the "Therefore, Be It Resolved" section of the resolution template. Ms. Oakes motioned that the section should read that the proposed transfer station is not needed, and is not consistent with the Rock Island County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Gottwalt seconded the motion. There was discussion on how the motion should be worded in the resolution.

The final resolution wording of the "Therefore, Be It Resolved" section included the following:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency that the proposed transfer station is not consistent with the Plan's requirement of a need for Rock Island County due to sufficient, existing landfill capacity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency that the proposed transfer station is not consistent with the Plan overall; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency that, pursuant to Section 4.6 of the waste management plan, the Board recommends to the City of Moline that the proposed transfer station is not consistent with the Rock Island County Solid Waste Plan.

Mr. Vyncke called for a vote of the members by roll call. Votes approving the motion included yes from the representatives of Andalusia, Carbon Cliff, Coal Valley, East Moline, Hampton, Milan, Port Byron, Rapids City, Rock Island, Rock Island County, and Silvis. The City of Moline abstained. There were no dissenting votes.

4. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oaks motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gottwalt seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. by consensus of the Board.