

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

Tuesday, March 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)  
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan  
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island

Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron  
Todd Stickler, City of East Moline  
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  
Vacant, City of Moline

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dorothy Beck, Bring Back the Bins  
Dave Collier, Rural Township  
Phil Dennis, Bring Back the Bins  
Barry Dykhuizen, City of Moline  
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County

Fred Kissack, MWI  
Gena McCullough, RICWMA  
Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling  
Walter Willis, Consultant for Moline

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mr. Vyncke, 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, read his letter to the Editor in favor of the proposed transfer station with its provision for at least one drop-off recycling location and the option for another.
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023 as written. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)  
Ms. McCullough presented the March 21, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$72,086.46. Ms. McCullough reported bills included e-waste services, local government tire program, appliance and tire recycling program, and monthly administrative services, as well as the second payment of the Solid Waste Assistance Grants to the respective communities. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Gottwalt 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 February 28, 2023 being 67% through the fiscal year. Ms. McCullough noted interest, Illinois EPA grant in income, and professional services in expenses reflects the revised budgeted amount approved at the February meeting. The solid waste fee income is added to the account quarterly and is reflected this month at 54.49% of the budgeted amount. All of the RICWMA programs are below 67%, except for SWAG, which was paid out this month. E-waste is running at 57.16%. The expenses are on target. The cash reconciliation dated 2/28/23 is \$224,137.94. The receipts are \$428,557.80 and disbursements are \$295,385.03. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Gibson motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The receipts and disbursements through February 28, 2023 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

February 28th, 2023

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2023**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$298,870.31
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$121,442.46
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$5,000.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$3,245.03

**TOTAL      \$428,557.80**

Prior Year Receipts      \$11,502,850.48

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2023**      **(\$266,994.97)**

Prior Year Disbursements      (\$11,369,028.28)

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$295,385.03**

POOL      \$290,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$5,385.03

**TOTAL      \$295,385.03**

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

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 224 used tires, 103 units of white goods collected, and 8 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 310 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 113 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 0.67 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** The RICWMA website had 345 unique visitors and 717 page views.

6. Other Business. The Board received a copy of the recommended audit proposal received from Hoffman & Tranel PC for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024 and 2025 at a cost of \$2,995 per year. Two proposals were received. The second proposal was received from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP at a cost of from \$18,000 to \$18,500 from the first to third fiscal year. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve going into contract with Hoffman & Tranel PC based on their proposal as presented. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough outlined the status of legal services. After the February Board meeting, Elizabeth Harvey, of Swanson, Martin and Bell, LLP, alerted RICWMA staff of a potential conflict of interest where another attorney with the firm was representing Lakeshore Recycling Services in a civil litigation case, but has not worked on environmental matters. LRS has waived a potential conflict of interest, and a letter has been provided by Swanson, Martin and Bell for the RICWMA Board to consider waiving a potential conflict of interest. It was noted that this is a common practice for large firms. Mr. Hurt motioned to accept the letter and authorize the chair to sign the waiver of potential conflict of interest. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough directed the Board to responses received from Moline on questions from the Board at the February meeting. Related to timing for the local siting process, there is a 90-day period beginning March 3 with the filing of the local siting application that runs through May 31. Following that period, the City of Moline is expected to hold a public hearing or hearings on the siting application. Based on the 1996 Rock Island County Solid Waste Management Plan, the Board must address the siting application within 30 days of a public hearing on consistency with the plan and need. Need is not statutorily defined in Illinois. The siting application outlines need in Section 1.0 of the application. The Board was also provided with the nine local siting criteria. The Moline Administrator in the written reply noted that the city will not negotiate the terms of the Hosting Agreement between Moline and LRS, which does have a provision to pay RICWMA \$1.27 per ton for waste going to the transfer station. Also reiterated in the correspondence was a comment that the mayor and city council alderpersons can no longer have any conversations among themselves or any others with regard to the LRS project.

Mr. Willis noted that solid waste management need may be demonstrated by case law. He noted that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will not look at a permit application until the local siting process has been completed, as part of a two-step process. He also noted that there are no

specific regulations for transfer stations, but there is a track record of other transfer stations being approved in the state.

7. Other Activities. Ms. McCullough noted an intern continued working on the Illinois EPA solid waste planning grant data collection project to be completed by June 30, 2023. Staff continued to serve inquiries, and worked with a consultant to facilitate the delivery of the LRS Transfer Station Siting Proposal to each Board member on Friday, March 3.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Gibson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gottwalt seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.