

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley	Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
James Boone, Village of Cordova	Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)	Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
Matthew Carter, City of Silvis	Pat O'Brien, City of Moline
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional Commission	Lori McCollum, Rock Island Citizen
Dorothy Beck, Bring Back The Bins	Gena McCullough, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional Commission
Dave Collier, Rural Township	Bryce Stalcup, Waste Commission of Scott County
Phil Dennis, Bring Back The Bins	Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling
Shirley Johnson, Milan Citizen	

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Vyncke who conducted the roll call. A quorum was not present. The Board will ratify actions taken at today's meeting next month as part of the approval of the July minutes.
2. Comments from the Public. Ms. McCollum noted a flyer set out at the meeting for upcoming plastics litter pollution workshops being held in the next two weeks. She encouraged attendance and asked for distribution of the information to be sent out widely to get good participation. The purpose of the workshops is to create a local action plan to reduce plastics litter that ends up in our streams and rivers, and ultimately contributes to pollution of the ocean. Microplastics are ingested by humans and wildlife and contribute to negative health effects.
3. Approval of Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meetings. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting and called for a motion to approve them. It was noted that a correction to reflect that Ms. Reyes was in attendance and motioned to approve the budget. Ms. Reyes motioned to approve the minutes from June 20, 2023 with the corrections. Ms. Oakes seconded the motion. 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 July 18, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$39,195.35. She reported bills included services for e-waste and household hazardous materials collection, local government tire program, appliance and tire recycling program, administrative staffing, and annual website hosting for FY2024. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the bills, and Ms. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough presented income and expenses through June 30, 2023 being 100% through the fiscal year. Ms. McCullough noted that all program expenses were within budget, and interest income continued to exceed expectations. Solid waste fees are received quarterly and are expected in the July report. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Ms. Oakes motioned to accept the financial report. Ms. Reyes seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The receipts and disbursements through June 30, 2023 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 June 30, 2023

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2023**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$397,525.48
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$161,641.78
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	\$6,650.28

**TOTAL      \$570,817.54**

Prior Year Receipts      \$11,502,850.48

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2023**      **(\$416,425.47)**

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

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$288,214.27**

POOL      \$288,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$214.27

**TOTAL      \$288,214.27**

5. June 2023 Agency Program Reports. Ms. McCullough reviewed the June 2023 program report for the Board. The report is as follows:

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 452 used tires, 137 units of white goods collected, and 20 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 534 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 221 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 1.86 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

**RICWMA Website Statistics:** The RICWMA website had 676 unique visitors and 1,414 page views.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough noted the Board has received two annual services agreements from the Waste Commission of Scott County for e-waste and household hazardous materials collection. The household hazardous materials collection agreement was for a set amount at \$70,000 annually with quarterly billing. The e-waste collection agreement was revised from a per customer monthly rate to a flat annual rate of \$80,000 billed quarterly. Ms. McCullough noted this was less than the \$82,183.90 paid in 2023 for e-waste and would provide both RICWMA and WCSC reliable billing and income, respectively. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve both agreements with the WCSC for e-waste and household hazardous materials collection. Ms. Reyes seconded the motion, and it carried.

Ms. McCullough noted the Board has received an annual services agreement from Bi-State Regional Commission for agency administration provided as actual costs. The budgeted amount was approved in the FY2024 budget. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the agreement. It was seconded by Ms. Reyes, and the motion carried.

A call from the floor for nominations for chair and vice-chair was made by Mr. Vyncke. There was discussion on whether Mr. Vyncke and Ms. Oakes would be willing to be chair and vice-chair for another year. Both were open to continuing in their roles. Ms. Reyes motioned to elect Mr. Vyncke as Chair and Ms. Oakes as Vice-Chair for the next year. Mr. Oney seconded the motion, and it carried.

7. Other Activities. Ms. McCullough responded to the public comment on the Plastics Litter Pollution Workshops, indicating the information had been sent to Board members and support staff. She would also forward it to the interested parties group to encourage greater participation. She noted that she would be attending the workshop in East Moline to support the effort.

Signage was requested by citizens at a prior meeting to direct residents to the recycling site at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill. Contacts with the City of East Moline and Rock Island County were made about installation of wayfinding signage for the recycling site at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill. East Moline was working up sign specifications and locations, and Rock Island County offered up its sign shop to produce the signs. As part of the Recycling Incentives and Opportunities funds, funding is available to support the direct costs and installation.

Ms. McCullough reported on the status of the data collection and is working with an intern to develop a summary presentation to be presented at a future meeting.

Ms. Oakes asked Mr. Stalcup about the ability to recycle shredded paper. The Waste Commission of Scott County accepts shredded paper, but asks that it be placed in paper bags to keep it contained. He suggested checking with the city's contractor to see what and how they wish to receive the material. She also had a magnet that showed recyclable material by pictured items, which helps clarify what is recyclable. Mr. Stalcup noted the WCSC produced the magnets and could provide the graphic, but again, it depends on what your curbside recycling contractor collects. It was noted that bottle caps/lids can be left on bottles and are recyclable.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oney seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned prior to 2:00 p.m.