

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

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline
Pat O'Brien, City of Moline

Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Matthew Carter, City of Silvis
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional
Commission
Denise Bulat, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional
Commission
Rich Keehner, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional
Commission

Dave Collier, Rural Township
Phil Dennis, Bring Back The Bins
Matt Pivit, Republic Services
Bryce Stalcup, Waste Commission of Scott
County
Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling

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 present.
2. Comments from the Public. Mr. Dennis noted as a result of the flyer distributed previously, he attended a plastics litter pollution session. The purpose of the workshop 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 health effects.
3. Approval of Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meetings. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting and called for a motion to approve and ratify actions of the June meeting. Ms. Oaks motioned to ratify and approve the minutes from July 18, 2023. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)
Mr. Keehner presented the August 15, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$23,326.53. He reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission – July 2023 fiscal charges;

Bi-State Regional Commission – June 2023 fiscal charges; Bi-State Regional Commission – IL EPA grant; electronic de-manufacturing facility; Rock Island County cost allocation FY2023; Rock Island County cost allocation FY2024; Scott Area Landfill, Swanson; Martin & Bell Legal services; and Weikert recycling pickups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Mr. O’Brien motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Mr. Keehner presented income and expenses through July 31, 2023 as RICWMA is just commencing the fiscal year. Mr. Keehner mentioned income was \$370,066.66, which included receipts and total expenses of \$15,875.08 including office equipment/supplies, communication/subscriptions, personnel/admin. support, Rock Island County cost allocation, RICWMA programs. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. O’Brien motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Oney seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 July 31, 2023

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2024

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$86,881.70
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$40,380.14
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$0.00
Vintage Tech LLC 10/20/12 pickup	\$0.00
Interest	\$1,061.03
TOTAL	<u>\$128,322.87</u>

Prior Year Receipts \$12,073,668.02

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2024 **(\$39,858.40)**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$11,785,453.75)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$376,678.74</u>
POOL	\$376,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$678.74
TOTAL	<u>\$376,678.74</u>

5. July 2023 Agency Program Reports. Mr. Keehner reviewed the July 2023 program report for the Board. The report is as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 283 used tires, 98 units of white goods collected, and 13 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 482 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 216 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 1.66 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Staff was unable to acquire the RICWMA website unique visitors and page views as Google is changing their process. Hopefully we should have the statics for the September meeting.

6. Other Business. Mr. Keehner noted all communities had submitted their FY23 SWAG grant final reports, and it appear all communities spent their funds according to their grant applications. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the FY23 Grant report. Ms. Oaks motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the FY23 Grant report. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, which carried by consensus of the Board. Mr. Keehner provided an update on the status of the FY24 SWAG grant application process: nine applications have been received thus far, and the deadline to submit is September 8, 2023. In reference to hauler contracting and its relation to solid waste fees supporting the SWAG grant program, Mr. Keehner explained when solid waste is deposited at our local landfills, tipping fees are paid, and a portion of these tipping fees are provided to RICWMA and used to fund the SWAG grant program. Ms. Bulat provided a brief history of the SWAG grant program including tipping fees, RICWMA carry over funds, and GFOA reserves.

Other Activities. Mr. Keehner provided a brief presentation of the RICWMA Recycling Survey through the power point created by an intern who gathered recycling information this past summer. Several of the conclusions/observations of the survey were that curbside recycling data records were inconsistent, blended with other communities, or not collected at the community level; curbside recycling tonnages were consolidated by trip; and the recycling survey is a snapshot in time. In Rock Island County, 60% of the communities offer voluntary curbside recycling, and 20% offer drop-off recycling. The recycling power point is preliminary and needs further refinement. Some discussion occurred relating to burning leaves, vacuuming leaves, yard waste pickup, use of yard waste bags/containers, smaller communities combined into one recycling trip, and mandatory versus voluntary recycling.

Ms. Oaks inquired about the status of the installation of wayfinding signage for the recycling site at the Upper Rock Island County Landfill. Staff reached to the City of East Moline and Rock Island County. Presently, East Moline is working up sign specifications and locations, and Rock Island County has offered to produce the signs. Ms. Oaks provided positive feedback concerning handing out stickers for disposal of used tires and adding that it might a good idea to place them at local auto stores.

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