

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Rock Island County Board Chambers, Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Gibson, Village of Milan  
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff  
Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island  
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  
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)  
Matthew Carter, City of Silvis

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City  
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia  
Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional  
Commission  
Rob Bauner, MWI  
Rich Keehner, RICWMA/Bi-State Regional  
Commission



Gena McCullough, RICWMA/Bi-State  
Regional Commission  
Stephen Villarreal, MWI  
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. Vyncke offered the opportunity to provide public comments, but none were made.
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meetings. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the August 22, 2023 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from August 22, 2023. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Report. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Mr. Keehner presented the September 19, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$14,835.31. He reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission Aug. 23 fiscal charges, Scott Area Landfill Aug. 23 Service, and Weikert recycling Aug. 23 pickups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Mr. Keehner presented income and expenses through August 31, 2023 as RICWMA is just 16% through its fiscal year. Mr. Keehner mentioned income was \$371,152.34, which included interest and receipts. Total

expenses were \$30,710.39 comprised of administrative expenses including office supplies, communication subscriptions, personnel, and Rock Island County cost allocation for a sub-total of \$14,401.10; and RICWMA expenses including white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, and special events i.e. October 7 – HHW (radio and signup.com) for a sub-total of \$16,309.29. 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 August 31, 2023 were provided to board members as follows:


  
**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE**  
**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
 August 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	\$2,146.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$129,408.55</u></b>

Prior Year Receipts \$12,073,668.02

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2024** **(\$63,184.93)**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$11,785,453.75)
<b>CURRENT BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$354,437.89</u></b>
POOL	\$354,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$437.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$354,437.89</u></b>

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

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 461 used tires, 232 units of white goods collected, and 24 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 471 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 244 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 2.64 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

**RICWMA Website Statistics:** Staff was able to acquire the RICWMA website unique visitors and page views for July and August. The July unique visitors and page views were 502 and 1,035, and the August unique visitors and page views were 494 and 951, respectively.

6. Other Business. Mr. Keehner noted all communities had submitted their FY24 SWAG grant applications, and after review it appeared the proposals provided by all communities met the SWAG grant application guidelines. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to approve the FY24 SWAG grant applications. Mr. O’Brien motioned to approve the grants. Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

As a result of a request for financial assistance due to an act of illegal dumping of electronic parts on private property, a discussion occurred on illegal dumping cleanup support. This discussion included a property owner filing a police report to document the illegal action, a one-time request; verifying residential versus commercial; adding a line item for financial support to the budget possibly \$2,000; providing financial support up to 50% of the disposal costs as a reimbursement not to exceed \$300, each request would be provided to the RICWMA Board for consideration each time; and adopting a policy to follow as the RICWMA Board may receive future funding requests. Staff was directed, using the above-stated points, to develop a policy to be considered during the next board meeting.

Ms. McCullough provided information from the Illinois Environmental Council’s (IEC’s) 2023 Legislative Report on Waste Reduction concerning various legislation being considered.

Ms. McCullough also provided information concerning an email from Mayor Freeman regarding the opportunity to apply for Solid Waste Infrastructure grants.

7. Other Activities. Mr. Keehner noted the recycling power point provided during the August board meeting needs further refinement/assessment. Mr. Keehner noted that proto types of the recycling wayfinding signs were emailed as part of the packet. Ms. Bambas provided an update on the upcoming HHW event to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Rock Island Fair grounds. Currently, there are about 70 participants signed up, and staff is looking for additional volunteers. Marketing for the event includes radio ads, Facebook posts, Quad City Times newspaper paper ad banner, and the event flyer is on the RICWMA website. Clarification occurred relating to the date of the next board meeting as the date on the agenda was incorrect; the next board meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oakes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hurt seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned prior to 2:00 p.m.