

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

Tuesday, October 17, 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)	Rhea Oaks, City of East Moline
Barb Cray, Village of Port Byron	Michelle Reyes, Village of Hampton
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan	Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley	Randy Hurt, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova	Pat O'Brien, City of Moline
Matthew Carter, City of Silvis	Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC	Phil Dennis, Bring Back The Bins
Rob Bauner, MWI	Rich Keehner, RICWMA/BSRC
Dorothy Beck, Bring Back The Bins	Mike Wiekert, Wiekert Recycling
Dave Collier, Rural Township	

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.
2. Comments from the Public. Mr. Vyncke offered the opportunity to provide public comments. Mr. Dennis commented about the possible budget revision highlighting a couple of items including carry over funds, 3 months of expenses balance, 2020 carry over, recycling programs, and curbside drop off.
3. Approval of Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meetings. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting but no action can be taken as there was not a quorum present. The minutes will be approved during the November meeting.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Mr. Keehner presented the October 17, 2023 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$108,440.86. He reported bills included Bi-State Regional Commission – Sept. 23 fiscal charges, Blackhawk State Bank charges, Electronic Deman, Mel Foster Ins., QC Press HHW Event Advertising, Quad City Times HHW Event Advertising, Scott Area Landfill Sept. 23 Service, Scott Household Hazardous Jul – Sept. 23 charges, SWAG FY24 grants (50%) and Weikert recycling Sept. 23 pickups. No action was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

Mr. Keehner presented income and expenses through September 30, 2023 as RICWMA is just 25% through its fiscal year. Mr. Keehner mentioned income was \$372,530.74 which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$139,124.62 comprised of administrative expenses including office supplies, communication subscriptions, personnel, and Rock Island County cost allocation for a sub-total of \$23,039.49 and RICWMA expenses including white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, household hazardous waste, SWAG grant program, e-waste disposal program, and HHW collections event for a sub-total of \$116,085.13. Mr. Vyncke reminded everyone no action could be taken due to a lack of a quorum.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

September 30, 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	\$3,525.11

**TOTAL      \$130,786.95**

Prior Year Receipts      \$12,073,668.02

**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2024**      **(\$78,020.24)**

Prior Year Disbursements      (\$11,785,453.75)

**CURRENT BALANCES      \$340,980.98**

POOL      \$340,000.00

CHECKBOOK      \$980.98

**TOTAL      \$340,980.98**

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

**Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 347 used tires, 115 units of white goods collected, and 10 no-shows.

**Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 447 Rock Island County residents.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 173 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 2.46 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 September. The September visitors and page views were 1064 and 2045.

6. Other Business. Mr. Keehner noted the Illegal Cleanup Policy had been drafted and sent along with the board's packet for review. A brief discussion occurred relating to a \$500 reimbursement, is the \$500 too much per request, maybe lower the maximum amount of the request, how many potential requests might there be for the available funding, and each funding request would need to be provided to the RICWMA Board for consideration so the board could approve or deny the request. It was noted, as there is not a quorum present, the item will need to be brought back next month for consideration. In other business, Mr. Keehner provided a brief summary of the budget amendment that had been prepared to accommodate funding requests associated with the Illegal Dumping Clean-Up policy. It was noted, a line item entitled Illegal Dumping Clean-Up Fund had been added to the budget having an amount of \$2,000, consequently the RICWMA program expense and total expenses increased by \$2,000. In other business, Mr. Keehner discussed the possible need of rescheduling the November 21, 2023 meeting to November 28, 2023. During the week of November 20 – 24, 2023, which is Thanksgiving week, RICWMA support staff, Gena McCullough, Sarah Bambas, and Rich Keehner, are on vacation. A brief discussion occurred to use November 28 as the next meeting date and to send out an email to the RICWMA board requesting availability on November 28.
7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas provided a power point presentation update on the HHW event held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Rock Island Fair grounds. It was discussed, 269 signed up for the event, the event experienced 54 no shows, 73 showed but were not signed up for a total attendance of 288. Ms. Bambas noted a survey was taken as the participants were entering the event which asked each participant how many households of waste they were delivering and how did you hear about the event? Survey responses for the number of households of waste question were 260 one household, 28 two households, 4 three households, and 1 four household. Survey responses for hearing about the event question were 135 social media, 72 internet, 44 newspaper, 26 word of mouth, 8 TV, 7 radio, 2 via flyer, some participants provided multiple responses to this question. Other methods of hearing about the event included various emails, community websites-newsletters, and church. Marketing used included RICWMA's Facebook, radio ads, QC Times Newspaper and Facebook. Additionally, 250 chip clips and 291 brochures were provided to the participants. It was discussed maybe next year advertise on the board/fence outside of the fairgrounds. (Corner of Avenue of the Cities/Frontage Rd and Archer Ave) NW side of the fairgrounds for a month leading

up to the event and possibly offering an incentive to participants enticing them to show up early to the event, maybe the first 100 attendees get a free RICWMA plastic bag. In other activities, Ms. Bambas provided a brief summary of the updated RICWMA flyer on services. Currently the flyer instructs depositing small appliances in regular trash, it was mentioned Scott County Waste Commission will accept anything with a cord as e-waste. Staff will contact Scott County to check on the small appliances and revise the flyer if necessary. Additionally, it was mentioned there is a company called GoRecycleUSA.com that will take Alkaline batteries if you purchase a box from their website and then ship your batteries in that same box back to them. Staff will research this opportunity.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.