

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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  
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County  
Doug Greer, City of Silvis

Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline  
Wayne Oney, Village of Port Byron  
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley  
James Boone, Village of Cordova  
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)  
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/BSRC  
Rob Bauman, MWI  
Dave Collier, Rural Township

David Kovarik, RICWMA/BSRC  
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC  
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Oakes who conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. There were no comments from the public.
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.)  
Ms. McCullough presented the March 18, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$80,523.21. The reported bills included February 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, Blackhawk State Bank, Scott Area Landfill, Weikert Recycling pickups, Illinois Recycling Foundation, Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association, and payment for SCS Engineers services. The second installment of SWAG subsidies was also paid out to participating member governments. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 accounts payable. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Oney seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through February 28, 2025, as RICWMA is 67% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$682,405.57, which included

interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$350,254.61, which is comprised of administrative expenses including training and travel, office supplies, professional services, communication subscriptions, personnel, and Rock Island County cost allocation for a sub-total of \$43,441.62. Public Education and Information included \$23,913.99 spent out of the Illinois EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant. RICWMA expenses included white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, household hazardous waste, SWAG grant program, e-waste disposal program, and the HHW collections event for a sub-total of \$282,899.00.

Ms. Oakes asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Greer seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

The receipts and disbursements through February 28, 2025 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 February 28, 2025

**RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2025**

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$261,231.19
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$108,901.93
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	\$10,761.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$380,894.21</u></b>

Prior Year Receipts	\$12,578,865.36
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**DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2025** **\$350,059.39**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,197,918.01)
<b>CURRENT BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$411,782.17</u></b>
POOL	\$411,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$782.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$411,782.17</u></b>

5. February 2025 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the February 2025 program report for the Board as follows:

***Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:*** There were 212 used tires and 111 units of white goods collected, and 9 no-shows.

***Electronic Waste Collection Program:*** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 387 Rock Island County residents.

***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:*** There were 140 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 2.91 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

***RICWMA Website Statistics:*** Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 956, and page views were 486 for February.

***RICWMA Facebook Statistics:*** In February, the RICWMA Facebook page had 1,076 views, reached 493 accounts, and had 201 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Oakes asked if apartment complexes provide recycling to residents. Ms. McCullough stated that it is not required, and it varies between complexes. Ms. Oakes asked if RICWMA could work with the complexes to improve amount of recycling that the complexes are producing. Ms. McCullough clarified that because these complexes are private businesses, they would have to contract directly with recyclers. RICWMA’s efforts could focus on the individual residents, reminding them of the services available to them and alternatives to throwing away recyclable material.

Mr. Greer inquired about RICWMA still providing funding for e-waste disposal. Ms. McCullough confirmed that RICWMA has funds for small community events available, and that interested municipalities should contact RICWMA staff to begin the process then reach out to the Waste Commission of Scott County to make arrangements. RICWMA will pay for the disposal cost, and the community will pay for the transportation of the materials to the Waste Commission facility.

7. Other Activities. Ms. Bambas notified the Board that she had prepared a press release for Food Waste Prevention Week and would send it out for comment from the board and support staff prior to sending to the media on April 4.

Ms. Bambas also spoke about the current process of sending out educational postcards. RICWMA staff have received quotes from 2 printers for sending out educational postcards to residents of Rock Island County. From Printers Mark, 66,731 cards would cost \$8,400. These cards would be delivered to the postal service for distribution, and then the postal service would bill for postage at that time. From QC Press, 67,000 cards would cost \$7,045 and postage is estimated to be \$14,347, for a total of \$21,392. Ms. Bambas requested funds for the purchase of the postcards. Mr. Gottwalt made a motion to approve funds for the purchase of the educational postcards in an amount not exceeding \$25,000, sourced from the lowest bidder. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough notified the Board that staff has reached out to the fairgrounds about the HHW event. Applications to the Illinois EPA are due in May, and the fairgrounds has provided a tentative date in October to host the location for the HHW event.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:23 p.m.