

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

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline

Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Michelle Reyes-Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City

Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Representative, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Liz Kunkle, Recycle Coach (virtual)
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC

Oakley Thompson, RICWMA/BSRC
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Vyncke 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 November 18, 2025 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting and called for a motion to approve and ratify actions of the November meeting. Ms. Reyes-Bergeson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting, and Mr. Greer 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 December 16, 2025 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$34,652.77. The reported bills included November 2025 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for November 2025 charges, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for November 2025 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, Illinois Recycling Foundation 2026 Membership Renewal, Hoffman & Tranel Audit Completion for FY25 Audit, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the December 16, 2025 accounts payable. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through November 30, 2025, as RICWMA is 42% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$503,743.77, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$243,811.93, 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 \$35,015.90. Public Education and Information included \$12,607.69 spent out of the Illinois

EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant and the Public Education and Information. 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 \$196,188.34.

Mr. Vyncke asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Gibson motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Oliver seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through November 30, 2025 were provided to board members as follows:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 November 30, 2025**

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2026

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$160,384.77
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$70,538.74
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$10,000.00
RI Cnty reimb for CSWP25 grant from 4/29/25	
Interest	\$3,970.18
TOTAL	<u>\$244,893.69</u>

Prior Year Receipts \$13,064,751.99

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2026 **\$267,396.36**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,751,603.81)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$290,645.51</u>
POOL	\$290,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$645.51
TOTAL	<u>\$290,645.51</u>

5. Recycle Coach Presentation. Ms. Kunkle presented an overview of Recycle Coach to the board. Ms. Kunkle introduced herself with her background, and then introduced Recycle Coach company and what their software offers. Recycle Coach is an online software that makes it easier for residents to learn and know what can and cannot be recycled, where they can recycle items, and when events are happening in the community. Illinois EPA purchased Recycle Coach in 2025 for a six-year contract, making Recycle Coach free for all counties and municipalities in Illinois. Recycle Coach offers an online website widget and a mobile app for residents to use. Recycle Coach also offers educational materials. To close out the presentation, Ms. Kunkle stated that once RICWMA is fully enrolled in the program, municipalities can get on board. RICWMA staff will work with Ms. Kunkle on populating the site with information available for Rock Island County and RICWMA programs, then alert the Board and public when it is ready to launch and on-board municipalities.
6. November 2025 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the November 2025 program report for the Board as follows:
 - Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program:** There were 772 used tires and 241 units of white goods collected, and 24 no-shows.
 - Electronic Waste Collection Program:** Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 363 Rock Island County residents.
 - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program:** There were 213 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County’s HHM facility.
 - RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program:** Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 1.88 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.
 - RICWMA Website Statistics:** Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,459, and page views were 935.
 - RICWMA Facebook Statistics:** The RICWMA Facebook page had 1,079 views and 269 followers.
7. Other Business. Ms. McCullough and Ms. Bambas asked board members about their thoughts on Recycle Coach and if municipalities would be interested in joining the program. There was discussion on what the software includes and how residents' addresses were collected. Mr. Weikert asked if residents’ tire and appliance pick up appointments could be added to the calendar feature. After these discussions, the board agreed to circle back in the spring once RICWMA is fully functional in the software.

Moving forward with the agenda, Ms. Bambas presented the timeline for solid waste analysis activities that was requested at the prior meeting. The timeline expanded from January 2026 to December 2029 and included the top ranked activities from the solid waste analysis study that was completed in the fall. Activities included in 2026-2027 were planning and goal setting, PaintCare, organics diversion, multifamily strategies, HHW event, appliance and tires collection program, electronics collection, and support the reuse sector. Activities included in 2028-2029 were unified services, expand recycling access, HHW event, organics diversion, planning and goal setting, and sustainable procurement. The board unanimously agreed to this timeline.

8. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas reported to the board that PaintCare is now available in the state of Illinois. The PaintCare program provides residents with another location to dispose of paint, and includes latex paint. This program is free for all Illinois residents, businesses, and government agencies. There is only one location in Rock Island County that is part of the program. The board discussed the fees associated with purchases of paint in order to make the PaintCare program free. The board asked if there is a limit on how much paint can be brought to the PaintCare locations. Ms. Bambas responded that there is a five gallon limit. The board also asked how locations were chosen for the PaintCare program. Ms. Bambas responded that she will look into this. Ms. Bambas then presented the upcoming holiday press release and social media post that will be sent to the board the Friday following the meeting. Ms. Bambas also noted the upcoming meeting dates for 2026. Mr. Camlin requested that the board members review their contact information, so the county could provide letters of economic interest. Those that were not at the meeting will be contacted about this via email.

9. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.