

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Doug Greer, City of Silvis

Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
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
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC

Adela Rasso, City of Moline
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 February 17, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting, and Mr. Gibson 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 17, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$92,164.24. The reported bills included February 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for February 2026 charges, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for February 2026 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, Weikert Recycling pick-ups, and the second half of the FY 2026 SWAG payments to all member governments. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the March 17, 2026 accounts payable. Ms. Oakes motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through February 28, 2026, as RICWMA is 67% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$610,852.08, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$383,423.76, 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 \$44,521.12. 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

5. February 2026 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the February 2026 program report for the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 159 used tires and 74 units of white goods collected, and 6 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County’s Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 288 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 165 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 4.45 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,683, and page views were 999.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 1,037 views and 275 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bambas informed the Board that RICWMA is live with Recycle Coach. The Recycle Coach widget is on a new Recycle Coach page on the RICWMA website. The RICWMA website homepage will also have a Recycle Coach widget, but it is still in the process of being added. Ms. Bambas shared that the Recycle Coach consultant will be in touch with the RICWMA municipalities to determine if they want to enroll in Recycle Coach. Municipalities have the option of sharing their community's address database to Recycle Coach, so that trash and recycling schedules are available for residents to view. Lastly, Ms. Bambas mentioned that a media release will be going out next week as a soft launch for Recycle Coach, and the spring postcard is still scheduled for April.
7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas mentioned that last week was Food Waste Action Week, March 9-15. Ms. Bambas noted that the solid waste analysis study found that 5,358 tons of organics were disposed of in 2024 by residents and businesses in Rock Island County.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oakes so moved, and Mr. Oliver seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.