

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

Tuesday, April 21, 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
Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Rhea Oakes, City of East Moline

Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline
Brian Vyncke, Rock Island County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia
Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Rob Bauman, MWI
Ryan Croegaert, Scott Co Waste Commission
Maggie Driscal, ReStore

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
Joe Ryan, ReStore
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 March 17, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Mr. Vyncke directed the Board to review the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. Ms. Bergeson motioned to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting, and Ms. Oakes 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 April 21, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$30,894.07. The reported bills included March 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for March 2026 charges, Rock Island Cost Allocation for FY26-FY27, Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for March 2026 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Mr. Vyncke called for a motion to approve the April 21, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the bills, and Ms. Bergeson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through March 31, 2026, as RICWMA is 75% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$611,484.12, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$414,317.83, 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 \$55,447.92. 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 \$346,262.22.

Mr. Vyncke asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Ms. Bergeson motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Schmitt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through March 31, 2026 were provided to board members as follows:

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 March 31, 2026**

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2026

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$230,722.62
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$104,464.54
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	\$7,446.88
TOTAL	<u>\$352,634.04</u>

Prior Year Receipts	\$13,064,751.99
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DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2026 **\$441,660.96**

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$12,751,603.81)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$224,121.26</u>
POOL	\$224,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$121.26
TOTAL	<u>\$224,121.26</u>

The Board received a copy of the recommended audit proposal received from Hoffman & Tranel PC for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027 and 2028 at a cost of \$3,805 per year. There were no other proposals received. Ms. McCullough mentioned that their rate had gone up from the previous years, which was \$2,995. Mr. Oliver motioned to approve going into contract with Hoffman & Tranel PC based on their proposal as presented. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 340 used tires and 112 units of white goods collected, and 13 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 271 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 226 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 2.04 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,982, and page views were 977.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 1,461 views and 278 followers.

6. Other Business. Mr. Ryan presented to the board on the Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities ReStore. The ReStore has been around for 23 years and has a social media presence. Mr. Ryan gave out a brochure to all attendees in the room. Mr. Ryan explained what the ReStore is and its benefits. Mr. Ryan explained that the most accepted donations at the ReStore are building materials that are in good condition. Mr. Ryan also highlighted the Health and Home donations they accept, which include walkers and canes. Items purchased at the ReStore are an additional funding source for Habitat for Humanity. The ReStore will take commercial paint from suppliers and recycle the paint; they do not take residential paints due to liability. The ReStore will also host events or come to events for residents to donate their items. There was a question if the ReStore will take electronics and appliances. Mr. Ryan explained that since there are already programs that take these items, the ReStore focuses on the items that are not being diverted elsewhere. Mr. Ryan explained the relationship that the ReStore has with the Waste Commission of Scott County and that he encourages residents to go there for their E-Waste needs.

Following this presentation, Ms. Bambas discussed the upcoming application for RICWMA to host a one-day Household Hazardous Waste collection event sponsored by the Illinois EPA. Ms. Bambas informed the board that the Rock Island County Fairgrounds are available September 26, 2026, and this is the preferred date in the application. If this date was not available, RICWMA staff would need enough time to coordinate another date with the fairgrounds. Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion from the board to pursue submitting an application. Mr. Greer made a motion, Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Bambas also informed the board that the Recycle Coach spring postcard goes out this week. Liz Kunkle, the Recycle Coach consultant, has contacted the larger communities to start the onboarding process and will make her way down the list to the smaller communities.

Ms. Bambas then spoke about the consideration of having a Facebook ad to promote Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas presented the estimates received from the QC Times for a two-month Facebook ad and the estimates received from OnMedia for a two-month Facebook ad and a display ad. Ms. Bambas explained that the display ad pops up on websites to residents in the county using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The QC Times Facebook ad for two months projected a 45% of opportunity, and the OnMedia Facebook ad for two months projected a 36% of opportunity and 26,087 impressions per month with the display ad. Mr. Greer asked what the opportunity and impressions meant. Ms. Bambas explained that those numbers are the percentage of people who would be

presented with the ad, meaning only 36% of Facebook users in Rock Island County would see that ad at any given time. Ms. McCullough explained that RICWMA has had success with Facebook ads in the past, and this promotion will help boost the usage of Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas requested funds up to \$4,000 from the Public Education budget item to be used on the purchase of both the QC Times and the OnMedia ads for two months. Ms. McCullough mentioned that the Public Education budget item would have \$9,841.35 left after the postcard and the ads. Mr. Greer made a motion to approve funds for both the QC Times and the OnMedia ads for two months in an amount not exceeding \$4,000. Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion, and it carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough mentioned to the board that RICWMA staff will start to review the Solid Waste Plan document that is due January 2027. Most of the workload will begin in July, with a support staff meeting to take place in July or August. Progress on the plan will be brought to the board as the update process goes on.

Ms. McCullough informed the board that an election of chair and vice chair will take place at the May meeting. Mr. Vyncke informed the board that he will be stepping down as chair since his public office position will expire in June.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas mentioned to the board that if jurisdictions received damaged batteries from residents or found them abandoned in their jurisdiction's boundary, they are able to become a collection partner with The Battery Network. This is a free program and allows jurisdictions to receive a damaged battery kit and ship off the damaged batteries. Mr. Oliver asked if the Waste Commission of Scott County would take damaged batteries from jurisdictions. Mr. Croegaert responded that that would be at a cost to the jurisdiction, and The Battery Network is an alternative solution. Ms. Bambas also noted that Wednesday is Earth Day, and a post would be shared on the RICWMA Facebook page.
8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Vyncke asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oliver so moved, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.