

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

Tuesday, August 18, 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
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County
Jim Graham, City of East Moline

Rick Hitchcock, City of Rock Island
Penny Mullen, Village of Coal Valley
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Boone, Village of Cordova
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan

Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Gage Bolt, Ameresco
Brian Briggs, Waste Commission of Scott County
Rob Bauman, MWI
Michael Gilligan, Republic Services
Kyle Mattoun, MWI

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
Matt Pivit, Republic Services
Jacob Quarles, Ameresco
Dominic Remmes, MWI
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Bergeson 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 July 21, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Bergeson directed the Board to review the minutes of the July 21, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2026 meeting, and Mr. Hitchcock 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 August 18, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$24,351.90. The reported bills included July 2026 fiscal charges from: Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for July 2026 charges, Scott Area Landfill for July 2026 charges, Household Hazardous Waste Facility for July 2026 charges, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Ms. McCullough noted that we have not yet received charges for Bi-State Regional Commission. Ms. Bergeson called for a motion to approve the August 18, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Oliver 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 July 31, 2026, as RICWMA is 8% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$291,947.92, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$24,351.02, 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 \$38.00. Public Education and Information included \$0.00 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 \$24,351.90.

Ms. Bergeson 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. Grafton seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through July 31, 2026 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 31, 2026

RECEIPTS-Fiscal 2027

Millenium Waste (Waste Connection)	\$77,214.87
AWIN Management (fka Republic Services)	\$33,089.87
Cardboard Pick-up	\$0.00
City Carton Co. Inc.	\$0.00
State Grant Solid Waste Planning	\$0.00
RI Cnty reimb for CSWP25 grant from 4/29/25	
Interest	\$297.00

TOTAL \$110,601.74

Prior Year Receipts \$13,515,177.06

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2027 **\$31,770.75**

Prior Year Disbursements (\$13,305,999.23)

CURRENT BALANCES \$288,008.82

POOL \$254,000.00

CHECKBOOK \$34,008.82

TOTAL \$288,008.82

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 547 used tires and 175 units of white goods collected, and 18 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 517 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 265 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 3.09 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 2,460, and page views were 1,297.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 4,855 views and 293 followers.

Other Business. Ms. Bambas provided an update on the Household Hazardous Waste event. The event will take place on October 10 at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds from 8:00am-3:00pm. The event sign up has been created. Waiting for Illinois EPA to approve the event flyer. Work is being done for ads and promotional items. Directional signs were purchased to help with traffic flow at the fairgrounds. Ms. Bambas informed Illinois EPA to provide two crews on the morning of the event due to long wait times at last year's event.

Ms. Bambas then followed up on the status of Recycle Coach. Ms. Bambas noted that onboarding with jurisdictions is still ongoing and that three jurisdictions are now live, the Village of Hampton, the Village of Carbon Cliff and the City of Moline. In July, there were 239 web app users and 248 mobile app users.

There were two presentations on the two landfills in the county and how they are working with waste-to-energy. Mr. Remmes with the Quad Cities Landfill went first to talk about their RNG project. Gas collection, in-service date, plant capacity and community & environment impact was discussed. Mr. Remmes then discussed the gas processing technology and how the pressure swing adsorption (PSA) works. The RNG Market summary was then discussed, including pipeline delivery, end use, environmental credit markets, and offtake partnerships.

Staff from Republic Services and Ameresco then presented the Upper Rock RNG Overview. Sustainability goals and a road map to 2030 were shown, which discussed goals, landfill information, diversion, fleet, and buildings. Ameresco presented on the depth of their nationwide experience, outlining their 41 operating projects and 8 RNG projects in construction permitting. Staff provided an overview on renewable natural gas (RNG), which included information on Biogas. Staff went into more detail with the Upper Rock Island Gas to RNG project. The development timeline, market, and local economic facility impacts were discussed. Once the two presentations were concluded, there were some questions from the Board members on carbon intake, how many cells are operating, and where other national RNG facilities are. Ms. Bergeson thanked the two landfills for coming to speak with the board.

Lastly, Ms. Bambas mentioned the Illinois Household Food Waste Survey. The survey has closed but feedback is always welcomed. Ms. Bambas will send out the contact information after the board meeting.

6. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas provided a summary of the FY26 SWAG reports which included what each jurisdiction used with their SWAG funds. Ms. Bambas then mentioned that the FY27 SWAG application had gone out and it is due Friday, September 11.
7. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Bergeson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.