Minutes of the

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(RICWMA)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission Conference Room, Room 302
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County
Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Rhea Oakes, Village of East Moline
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Rick Hitchcock, City of Rock Island
Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Kim Hoffman, Hoffman & Tranel, PC
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 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 September 15, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2026 meeting, and Mr. Grafton 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 October 20, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of $110,739.89. The reported bills included June 2026, August 2026, and September 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission. The reported bills also included September 2026 fiscal charges from: Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for September 2026 charges, QC Press for the new RICWMA brochure, Quad City Times/Lee Advertising for HHW event ad, Scott Area Landfill for September 2026 charges, Household Hazardous Waste Facility for September 2026 charges, Mel Foster Insurance Renewal, Weikert Recycling pick-ups, Audit charge from Hoffman and Tranel, and the first half of the FY 2026 SWAG payments to all member governments. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the October 20, 2026 accounts payable. Ms. Bergeson motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Greer seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

   Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through September 20, 2026, as RICWMA is 25% through its fiscal year. The income was $292,670.04, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were $163,819.26, 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 $19,309.39. 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 $144,509.87.

Ms. Oakes asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Greer motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through September 30, 2026 were provided to board members as follows:

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

September 30, 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		$1,019.12
	TOTAL	**$111,323.86**
Prior Year Receipts		$13,515,177.06
DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2027		**$84,850.12**
Prior Year Disbursements		($13,305,999.23)
CURRENT BALANCES		**$235,651.57**
POOL		$235,000.00
CHECKBOOK		$651.57
	TOTAL	**$235,651.57**

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

   Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 415 used tires and 184 units of white goods collected, and 18 no-shows.

   ***Electronic Waste Collection Program*:** Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 456 Rock Island County residents.

   ***Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program*:** There were 249 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 2.46 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

   ***RICWMA Website Statistics*:** Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 2,484, and page views were 1,630.

   RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 81,767 views and 304 followers.

   ***RICWMA Recycle Coach Statistics*:** Recycle Coach Web App Users were 392, and Mobile App Users were 287.

6. Other Business. Ms. Kim Hoffman of Hoffman & Tranel, PC presented the RICWMA FY 2026 Annual Financial Report and Independent Auditor's Report dated June 30, 2026. Ms. Hoffman highlighted the independent auditor's report on page 1, the financial analysis of RICWMA on page 5, the Notes to Financial Statements on pages 9 to 11, and the Auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance. There were no findings of internal weaknesses identified in the auditing process. Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to place the report on file. Ms. Bergeson so moved, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the board.

   Ms. McCullough then informed the Board about the Department of Energy meeting that was held with Mr. Mountain, Coal Valley Village Trustee, RICWMA chair Ms. Oakes, and RICWMA staff member Ms. McCullough. It was explained that the two landfills in the county do not have interest in building a Waste-to-Energy facility beyond the most recent installations of methane capture systems, and RICWMA is not in a position to construct and operate such a facility. It was decided that Mr. Mountain will receive 30 hours of technical assistance from the Department of Energy. This assistance will provide information on existing Waste-to-Energy facilities in the country, including costs, rate of return, and operating costs. RICWMA will receive 10 hours of technical assistance which will include current waste management facilities in the county and other types of waste management information.

   Lastly, Ms. McCullough reported on the Solid Waste Plan Update. The plan is due January 2027 and will be brought to the board for approval at that time. Ms. McCullough highlighted the goals, on-going challenges and opportunities, and the developing/future challenges and opportunities. Ms. McCullough then discussed next steps, which included looking into a refinement of policy recommendations from the prior plan. There will be more updates on the Solid Waste Plan in the coming months.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas reported on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event that took place on October 10, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. There were 303 attendees at the event. Staff asked attendees how many households they were representing and how they heard about the event. The majority, 283, were representing a single household. The next largest response was two households, with 20 responses. There was single response indicating they represented 3 households, and a single response for 4 households. When asked about where they had heard about the event, 142 said social media, 63 said the Internet, 40 said word of mouth, 25 said Email, 16 said flyer/mailer, 11 said Newspaper, 5 said on TV, 2 said the Illinois EPA, and 1 drove by the fairgrounds and saw the event. There were multiple advertisements for the event, one newspaper ad with the QC times estimated to have reached 60,000 readers and the digital ad reached

29,400 readers. The QC Times targeted ad received 1,853 clicks and the QC Times local social received 25,772 impressions and 1,462 clicks. Another ad was done with WQAD, a homepage takeover on October 8. The homepage takeover received 59,123 impressions and 25 clicks. Ms. Bambas shared that the Illinois EPA will present the results from the event at a later meeting.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schillinger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Gottwalt seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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