

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Gibson, Village of Milan
Jim Grafton, Rock Island County
Doug Greer, City of Silvis
Rick Hitchcock, City of Rock Island

Rhea Oakes, Village of East Moline
Roger Oliver, Village of Port Byron
Denver Schmitt, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
Michelle Bergeson, Village of Hampton
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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
James Mountain, Village Trustee of Coal Valley

Jared VanTieghem, Rock Island County
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 August 18, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Oakes directed the Board to review the minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting. Mr. Hitchcock motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18, 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 September 15, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$28,727.47. The reported bills included July 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission. The reported bills also included August 2026 fiscal charges from: Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for August 2026 charges, QC Press for HHW Event Yard Signs, Scott Area Landfill for August 2026 charges, Household Hazardous Waste Facility for August 2026 charges, Weikert Recycling pick-ups, and WQAD October 2026 Ad for HHW Event. Ms. McCullough noted that we have not yet received August charges for Bi-State Regional Commission. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to approve the September 15, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Greer motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Oliver seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through August 31, 2026, as RICWMA is 17% through its fiscal year. The income was \$292,262.17, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$53,079.37, 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 \$3,996.90. 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 \$49,082.47.

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

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

August 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	\$611.25
TOTAL	<u>\$110,915.99</u>

Prior Year Receipts \$13,515,177.06

DISBURSEMENTS-Fiscal 2027

\$56,122.65

Prior Year Disbursements	(\$13,305,999.23)
CURRENT BALANCES	<u>\$263,971.17</u>
POOL	\$263,000.00
CHECKBOOK	\$971.17
TOTAL	<u>\$263,971.17</u>

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

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 538 used tires and 183 units of white goods collected, and 19 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 485 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 236 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 2.28 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 1,792, and page views were 1,074.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 1,318 views and 295 followers.

RICWMA Recycle Coach Statistics: NEW! Recycle Coach Web App Users were 319, and Mobile App Users were 282.

6. Other Business. Ms. McCullough provided an update on the U.S. Department of Energy Technical Assistance Program award to Coal Valley Trustee James Mountain. Ms. McCullough stated RICWMA staff was invited to attend a kick-off meeting for the technical assistance and learn more about the type and extent of technical assistance offered. She advised that no staff time was budgeted for participating in this technical assistance. However, she asked for approval to attend the kick-off meeting to learn about the program offerings and what RICWMA staff time would be required. Ms. Oakes asked the board for consideration of approval for RICWMA staff to attend the Department of Energy Technical Assistance Program kick-off meeting. Mr. Greer motion for approval of RICWMA staff to attend the kick-off meeting. Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Bambas then informed the Board that Rock Island County resubmitted their FY25 SWAG Report which detailed activities that were consistent with the program guidelines. Mr. VanTieghem also stated that Rock Island County has a new finance department and is making an effort to ensure all SWAG records match in RICWMA's system.

Ms. Bambas then presented the Board with a request from Rock Island County to extend the use of FY26 SWAG funds. Ms. Bambas and Ms. McCullough explained that the grant funds were to be expended by June 30, 2026. Ms. McCullough noted that RICWMA typically has not taken receipt of unspent funds as they are intended to be used as noted in the SWAG grant application. It was also explained that Rock Island County does not have as many solid waste management activities to expend the SWAG funds on as compared to the cities. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the extension for Rock Island County's FY26 funds, Mr. Greer seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Bambas presented status of FY27 SWAG applications. All member communities submitted their applications on time. Ms. Bambas asked the board to review the applications as presented in a summary spreadsheet. Ms. Oakes called for a motion to accept the FY27 SWAG grant applications. Mr. Oliver motioned to approve, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried. The first half of the funds will be released in October with payables.

Lastly, Ms. Bambas mentioned that the Food Rescue Partnership Workshop is taking place tomorrow on Wednesday, September 16 at the YWCA in Rock Island, details were previously sent to the Board.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas provided an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event taking place on October 10 at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The press release and flyers were sent out last week. A Facebook post has been published, and another one will go out later this month. An email blast will be sent to all participants from last year's event. There will be ads with the QC Times and WQAD leading up to the event. Directional signs were purchased to help with traffic control on the day of the event. Banners will be going up at the fairgrounds this month. Illinois EPA has approved two crews in the morning to help with line movement. Ms. Bambas stated that 43 participants are signed up so far and asked the Board to please volunteer to help out at the event.

Ms. Bambas then presented what she learned at the Illinois Circularity Conference. Many of the items discussed were informational which included topics on FoamCycle, PCs for People, Used Tire Program, and Future of HHW Event Program. PaintCare was highlighted as an opportunity to encourage more local paint stores to join the program. Ms. Bambas also highlighted that Illinois EPA will be launching a grant for recycling education in December. The US EPA Recycling Education and Outreach grant received by Chicagoland counties was discussed. Ms. Bambas then informed the Board that the Statewide Needs Assessment Draft is available by contacting IL EPA staff or RICWMA staff. Rock Island County data was used in the draft. Lastly, Ms. Bambas informed the Board that all batteries will be banned from Illinois landfills starting January 2028. This includes hazardous and household (single-use) batteries.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Oakes asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Greer motioned to adjourn. Mr. Oliver seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.