



**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Region M Office Building – 1801 W 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

*The open meeting notice was posted at 11:30 a.m. on October 9, 2024, and was open to the public in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law. News media representatives and interested parties may obtain copies of this notice and other information by contacting Patty Overman, Region M Waste Management District, 1801 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ste. C-214, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email [patty@regionm.org](mailto:patty@regionm.org)*

**Members of Region M Executive Board (Strikethrough if not in attendance)**

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|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Jamey Cope           | McDonald County          | Kellie Inmon   | Cities of McDonald County |
| <del>Alan Cook</del> | <del>Newton County</del> | Nate Siler     | Cities of Newton County   |
| John Bartosh         | Jasper County            | Kirra Antrobus | Cities of Jasper County   |
| David Johnson        | Barton County            | Russ Worsley   | Cities of Barton County   |
| Joe Wilson           | Vernon County            | Tammy Goodwin  | Cities of Vernon County   |
|                      |                          | Josh Bard      | City of Joplin            |

**Others in Attendance**

Patty Overman, District Administrator  
Everett Wolfe, Vernon County  
Lawna Price, City of Granby  
Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services  
Jason Heborline, Republic Services  
Grace Overman, Service Recycling  
Kayla Tortat, Service Recycling  
Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Around the room, all attendees introduced themselves and included which organization they represent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept meeting agenda dated October 17, 2024. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on August 15, 2024, as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Officer:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – appoint Ms. Kirra Antrobus as Vice-Chairperson of Region M Executive Board. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



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**Banking Signatures:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – remove Mr. Alan Cook from the banking accounts at CNB&T and add/replace with Ms. Kirra Antrobus. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Patty Overman gave a summary of financial position for the period ending September 30, 2024, including bank account balances, expenses paid, and interest earned. Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Open Projects:** Overman presented the open projects for FY2024-FY2025, noting all quarterly reports had been received except for Computer Recycling Center. Total tonnage diversion for the first quarter of FY2025 was reported as 487.5 tons.

**Review FY2026 Documents:** Overman presented several documents for the board to review – Tentative Timeline, Public Notice, Application, and Scoresheet. It was recommended by the Advisory Committee that attendance and participation in the Grantee Workshop prior to submitting an application be mandatory. The Advisory Committee is also recommending not provide funding for applicants located outside of the district's five counties. The final FY2026 documents will be on the agenda for approval during the November meeting.

**Program Update:** Patty Overman gave a presentation on some recent and upcoming activities and tasks.

### Department of Natural Resources

- State Solid Waste Management Plan – divided into 3 categories (districts, composting, other – haulers, mrf's, etc). Burns and McDonnell gave an update at the MORA Membership forum last month and is anticipated to have the plan completed by October 2025.
- Funding Disbursements – will be done annually in August/September of each year.
- 10 CSR 80.-9.050 – finishing Chapter 3 (coal combustion residuals) and then will start working on this rule.

### Solid Waste Management Districts

- District Solid Waste Management Plans – a template was developed and after receiving positive feedback, several districts have started working on theirs.

### MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- Bylaws were modified to include voting alternates having the ability to serve as an officer.
- Officers will be elected during the November meeting.
- Annual Report will be available for review during the November meeting.
- Scrap Tire Fund – DNR noted that several applications are not being submitted correctly or information may be missing.



### Missouri Recycling Association

- Strategic Planning scheduled for November 20, 2024.
- Annual conference May 2025 in Independence – theme: Overcoming Barriers.

### EPA

- Region M is partnering with Higher Society, MOKAN and the Alliance of Southwest Missouri to apply for funding through the Inflation Reduction Act to fund environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities. Region M would have a budget of \$2.7 million for the funding of HHW and E-waste events over a three-year period, along with some bins to be used for recycling at public events.
- The application is due November 1st and should be awarded at the first of the year.

### Upcoming Tasks/Projects

- Community Collection events – several have been scheduled in October and November.
- Financial Audit – almost completed.
- Solid Waste Management Plan – first public meeting is scheduled in Jasper County in January.

**Administrative Contract:** Overman went over the obligation to put out for bid the administrative contract every five years. The board reviewed the request for proposals and the public advertisement of the RFP.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – accept the Administrative Contract Request For Proposals as written and make public by posting on the Region M website. Sealed bids are due by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Mr. Bard seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Antrobus – accept the advertisement for Administrative Contract RFP as written and publish in each of the five counties of Region M. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Grantee Requests:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve budget modification request for M2024-009 McDonald County Recycling Center, moving \$5,000 from Facility Repairs and Improvements to Fuel, and moving \$122.21 from Floor Scale and \$679.05 from Poly Box Cart to Advertising/Promo. This does not increase or reduce the total approved budget for the project. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Cope and Ms. Inmon abstained. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** The board discussed the acquisition of land in East Newton County by Cards Holdings with the intent of landfill operations. There was concern about recent complaints from customers in southwest Missouri regarding the attentiveness to their regular trash routes.



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The board recognized Russ Worsley, who had served as Representative for the Cities of Barton County for over six years, noting this would be his last meeting. That seat will need to be filled.

**Set Next Meeting:** Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.