

**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Newman Innovation Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
located at 407 S Pennsylvania, Joplin, MO 64801

*The open meeting notice was posted at 9:15 am on Monday, November 16, 2020 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, 407 S Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 203, Joplin MO 64801, by calling (417)625-6626, or email [patty@regionm.org](mailto:patty@regionm.org)*

**Members of Executive Board in Attendance:**

Joe Hardin, Chairperson – Vernon County  
Alan Cook, Vice-chairperson – Newton County  
John Bartosh – Jasper County  
Jamey Cope – McDonald County

Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin  
Ira Hawkins – Cities of Newton County  
Russ Worsley – Cities of Barton County

**Board Members Absent:**

Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon County  
Tom Short – Cities of Jasper County

Mike Davis – Barton County  
Lewis Davis – Cities of McDonald County

**Others in Attendance:**

Patty Overman – Region M Waste Management  
Weston Rea – Weston’s Tax and Accounting  
Kirra Antrobus – Service Recycling  
Bruce Arnold – McDonald County

Josh Gilmore – Noble Earth Recovery  
Jeff Jones – Joplin Area Workshops  
Luke Westerman – Computer Recycling Center

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of January 19, 2021 Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve and accept meeting agenda dated January 19, 2021 as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated November 17, 2020 as presented. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Financial Reports ending December 31, 2020:** Mr. Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register and interest earned for the period ending December 31, 2020. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Program Update:** Ms. Overman gave an update to the board regarding recent events and items of interest including the following –  
Assessment Inventory, Hauler Assessment, District Annual Report, District Quarterly Financial Status Report, Entering grantee quarterly reports, MDNR Waste Diversion Metric Evaluation Committee, HB775, Joplin Residential trash and curbside recycling contract, MOA Conference.

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**Status of Open Projects:** Patty Overman gave a status report of open grants. Ms. Overman informed the board all FY 2020 and 2021 projects are going well. The district is on target to begin FY2022 in July with only the current grant round open.

**FY2022 Update:** Ms. Overman informed the board that the public notices had went out to all current and prior grantees, plus others who requested being put on the notification list. The notice was also published in newspapers in all five counties. A reminder that applications are due on January 29, 2021 and there has been several conversations with grantees regarding their applications. There are potentially three new applicants, as well. During the February board meeting, the review committee will receive a copy of all applications in their entirety, and the board will receive a summary of proposed projects. During the March board meeting, applicants will give a brief presentation of their project and be available for questions. During the April board meeting funding allocations will be made. The review committee will make recommendations for funding to the board along with the scoresheets and aggregate ranking spreadsheet.

**M2020-002:** Region M Waste Management District requested to close the Plan Implementation project and deobligate the remaining balance in the amount of \$13,613.26. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request to close grant and deobligate remaining balance. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2020-009:** Joplin Area Workshops, Inc. requested to close the Utility Trailers project and deobligate the remaining balance in the amount of \$4,300.00. Motion by Mr. Cook – approve request to close grant and deobligate remaining balance. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2020016:** The City of Seneca requested to close the Recycling Center project and deobligate the remaining balance in the amount of \$3,240.00. Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve request to close grant and deobligate remaining balance. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2020-021:** All Points Recycling requested to close the Semi Trailers project and be release the remaining 15% for final reimbursement in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion by Mr. Cook – approve request to close grant and release final reimbursement. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Set Next Meeting:** Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. at the Region M Office Building, Newman Innovation Center in Joplin; along with a zoom/call-in option.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Joe Hardin adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

This meeting was held in person with a video/zoom option.