

MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Carl Junction Community Center – Media Room
located at 303 N Main St., Carl Junction, MO 64834

The open meeting notice was posted at 1:00 pm on March 8, 2021 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

Members of Executive Board in Attendance:

Joe Hardin, Chairperson – Vernon County	Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon County
Alan Cook, Vice-chairperson – Newton County	Jamey Cope – McDonald County
Tom Short, Secretary/Treasurer – Cities of Jasper County	Ira Hawkins – Cities of Newton County
John Bartosh – Jasper County	Russ Worsley – Cities of Barton County

Board Members Absent:

Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin	
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	
Mary Anne Phillips, Advisory Committee – Retired	
Jennifer Shotwell, Advisory Committee – Area Agency on Aging	
Byron Wilcox, Advisory Committee – Midwest Fibre Corporation	
Deb Markman, Economic Security	Nate Siler, City of Neosho
Jack Cronin, Lamar Enterprises	Julie Tilley, City of Carthage
Cyndy Hutchings, City of Seneca	Josh Gilmore, Noble Earth Recovery
Bruce Arnold, McDonald County	Barbie Huff, Joplin Area Habitat/ReStore
Terry Booth, Joplin Area Habitat/ReStore	Kirra Antrobus, Service Recycling
Joe Guinn, City of Granby	Lindsey James, City of Joplin
Patty Krueger, Newton County	Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries
Paden Wilcox, Computer Recycling Center	Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Roll Call: All in attendance introduced themselves. Patty Overman introduced those attending via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve and accept meeting agenda dated March 16, 2021 as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated January 19, 2020 as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

03.16.21 Meeting Minutes page 2 of 3

Review and Approval of Financial Reports: Mr. Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending January 31, 2021. Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Financial Reports: Mr. Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending February 28, 2021. Mr. Hardin inquired about the payments made to several area chambers. Ms. Overman informed the Board Region had not been members of these organizations since separating from HSTCC the previous year. Since the fees are minimal, and the chambers help promote events, she felt it was appropriate to obtain membership. Hardin agreed. Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bartosh 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 –

FY2022 – 17 applications were received, with funding requested totaling \$784,479.66. Overman informed the Board estimated funding to be available is \$200,000.00 less than requested.

Open projects – there are 3 that remain open for FY2020, with one being closed out at this meeting. All projects are going well.

Legislation, HB775 – Overman discussed the somewhat controversial proposed legislation and mentioned agreeing to participate in a work group with SWAB to list all pros and cons of the items in the bill.

Community Collection Events – brief discussion regarding events that are scheduled, including a tire collection in Vernon County. Flyers with information are/were available at this meeting and on the website.

Assessment Inventory – this will be completed by the end of March 2021.

Accounting Services: Overman presented a proposed contract renewal received from Weston Rea for the next year of accounting services. Mr. Rea noted an increase of \$25.00 per month, from \$800 to \$825, due to the cost of software. Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve the contract for accounting services from Weston Rea for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 30, 2022. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2020-007: City of Carthage requests to close the Recycling Center project and deobligate the remaining funds in the amount of \$263.64. Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve request to close grant and deobligate remaining balance. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

FY2022 Presentations: Grantees were encouraged to describe their applications to the Region M Board and Advisory/Review Committee. Each person was given a few minutes to present the general scope of their budget and activities involved in their projects. After each presentation, the Board and Review Committee asked any questions they had regarding the projects, allowing the grantees to clarify any details.

Public Comments: There were none.

03.16.21 Meeting Minutes page 3 of 3

Set Next Meeting: Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Joe Hardin adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Note – during the 04/20/22 meeting, FY2022 funding allocations will be made. The Region M Board will review the aggregate ranking and recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

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