

**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.  
Newman Innovation Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
located at 407 S Pennsylvania, Joplin, MO 64801

*This meeting was posted prior to 10:30 am 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  
Tom Short, Secretary/Treasurer – Cities of Jasper Co  
Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon County

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

**Board Members Absent:**

John Bartosh – 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  
Tony Robyn – MOKAN Regional Partnership

Lindsey James – Joplin Recycling Center  
Wesley Ritter – Citizen of Carthage, MO  
Byron Wilcox – Midwest Fibre Corporation  
Paden Wilcox – Computer Recycling Center

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**Approval of November 17, 2020 Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve and accept meeting agenda dated November 17, 2020 as presented. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of October 22, 2020 Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated October 22, 2020 as presented. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Financial Reports ending October 31, 2020:** Mr. Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register and interest earned for the period ending October 31, 2020. Motion by Mr. Bunch – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Hawkins 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 –  
**DNR performance audit** came back with a finding regarding the Missouri Sunshine Law. The previous meeting, the Region M Board adopted a policy regarding this issue, and it has been sent to

DNR. **SWAB/Planner's Meetings** have been virtual and will probably continue to be through 2021. SWAB recently approved the annual report. **City of Joplin Solid Waste Advisory Commission**, which Ms. Overman participates in, has been made aware of the residential trash and curbside

recycling contract being up for bid and a new vendor was selected by City Council after the first read. This will result in trash to go out of state but pass through a transfer station in Joplin first.

**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. There are 4 FY2020 projects set to close at the end of the calendar year on December 31, 2020. This will leave just 3 projects open from that grant cycle.

**FY2022 Application and Scoring Process:** The board received several documents to review including the grant cycle notification letter, grant application and instructions, and scoresheets from multiple other districts.

**FY2022 Scoresheet:** Discussion regarding entity prioritization and how the scoresheet was compiled by the advisory committee. Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve the new scoresheet with the modification of an Entity Prioritization category - *change Municipality to Municipality and Governing Agencies*. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with Mr. Tom Short abstaining. Motion carried.

**FY2022 Minimum Points for Funding Criteria:** Discussion regarding the necessity of this language to be used in the application process. Ms. Overman informed the Board that it is strongly recommended and should be placed in the application instructions prior to the review committee and board receiving the applications. Motion by Mr. Bunch – approve the criteria *Projects must score a minimum of 70 percent of the grant review criteria to be eligible and considered for funding*. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with Mr. Tom Short abstaining. Motion carried.

**FY2022 Scoring Committee:** A review committee was proposed to the Board, made up of the Advisory Committee which includes two Board members as follows – Joe Hardin, Chairperson of Region M Board, Presiding Commissioner of Vernon County; Rauni Brown, member of Region M Board, City Clerk of Bronaugh, MO; Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services; Lindsey James, City of Joplin Recycling Department; Tony Robyn, MOKAN Regional Partnership; Luke Westerman, Computer Recycling Center; and Byron Wilcox, Midwest Fibre Corporation. This committee will review and score all grant applications and make recommendations to the Board for funding. Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve the review committee as presented. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with Mr. Tom Short abstaining. Motion carried.

**M2021-014 Lamar Enterprises:** Lamar Enterprises requests to modify budget, moving \$2,405.00 from line-item Utility Trailer Purchase to Forklift Repairs and Maintenance. This does not change the total of the grant project. Motion by Mr. Bunch – approve budget modification as presented. Mr. Cortez 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, December 15, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. unless there is no business to be discussed. Location to be determined.

*Upcoming meetings to note:*

- January 19, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- February 16, 2021 – Committee/Board Receives FY2022 Applications
- March 16, 2021 – FY2022 Grantee Presentations
- April 20, 2021 – FY2022 Funding Allocations
- May 18, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- June 15, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting
- July 20, 2021 – Annual Membership Meeting, Appoint Board, Elect Officers

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Bunch – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Joe Hardin adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

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