



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m.

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

The open meeting notice was posted at 9:00 a.m. on May 28, 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 32nd Street, Ste. C-212, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email patty@regionm.org

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

<i>Chairperson</i>	Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Vacant	Cities of McDonald County
<i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Alan Cook	Newton County	Nate Siler	Cities of Newton County
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Bartosh	Jasper County	Greg Dagnan	Cities of Jasper County
	David Johnson	Barton County	Russ Worsley	Cities of Barton County
	Everett Wolfe	Vernon County	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County
			Josh Bard	City of Joplin

Others in Attendance

Patty Overman, District Administrator
Scott Patterson, City of Joplin
Lawna Price, City of Granby
Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:06 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. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated May 30, 2024. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on April 16, 2024 as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Discussion – reducing the District Operations budget for FY2025, starting July 1, 2024. The District had been paying Weston Rea \$800 per month for several years to reconcile the bank



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accounts and present a financial update during monthly board meetings. Upon advise, Overman (District Administrator) is choosing to eliminate the line item 'Fiscal Services' since the number of monthly transactions tends to be very minimal and Mr. Rea's involvement has reduced greatly in recent months.

Like other districts in the state with Independent Contractors, Overman will reconcile the accounts each month and Mr. Bartosh, Region M Treasurer, will review and sign-off on the statements. Overman had reached out to Ms. Lightwine at CNBT regarding steps to move forward. She will send a form over to remove Mr. Rea and add Ms. Overman to the online banking access. Ms. Lightwine also mentioned changing the contacts for signatures; when that time comes, we will send her updated information to do so.

Mrs. Price noted that typically a money market account will gain more interest than we are currently earning. Overman agreed to look at accounts at the first of the fiscal year in July.

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

Solid Waste Management Districts – Staff is on a committee to develop a template for the districts to opt to use as they're updating their solid waste management plans. The group has met twice and is working toward a document that would be a "fill in the blanks", updating tables, commenting and providing descriptions for programs, etc. The goal is to have this document available in August 2024.

Monthly District Meeting / Planners Association - Overman, along with Angie from District O and Natalie from District N, did a presentation during the last SWAB meeting to show districts the actual pros and cons of forming this organization and ultimately encouraging districts to do what is best for them, and not by pressures by the few that are pushing this idea. There will be a vote in August on whether or not to move forward.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources – EI ERA has been tasked with an RFP to revise the State's model plan, anticipating completion in October 2025.

Funding Allocations Reports – anticipating a payment by end of July or early August.

MO Solid Waste Advisory Board – There was a presentation on the rulemaking process during the last SWAB meeting.

Missouri Waste Control Coalition – staff is planning on attending the annual environmental conference in July.

Missouri Recycling Association – staff is planning on attending the membership forum in October.

Community Collection Events – There were 3 events recently in Nevada, Duquesne, and Lamar. One more is scheduled in June for Sarcoxie. Other events will be scheduled when we start the new fiscal year and can work it into the budget.

Other Activities – Overman participated in the MSSU Earth Day Conference and also set up an exhibit at the Wildcat Glades Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration. Toured facilities with EI ERA – Fiberlite Technologies and Service Recycling.

Scrap Tire Grants – Overman has written a letter of support for the City of Nevada and will be writing one for the City of Neosho as well.

Financial Audit – received a quote from NEO for \$7,500 to complete the financial audit again this year.

Solid Waste Management Plan – the draft is due in November 2025, but will start gathering



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information and start the public meetings in the spring of 2025.

Annual Management Council Meeting – will schedule this for September. This meeting will consist of reappointing the board, election of offices, and discussing the plan.

Board Training / Working Session – planning for this to take place during the August meeting.

FY2026 Grant Round Planning – there were several ideas that came out of the last scoring process, would like to update that sheet, possibly add negative points, and further clarify some things for the committee to make it easier on them.

Administrative Contract – Expires on June 30, 2025. Plan on putting out the RFP for 5-year service by the end of October, to be opened in November and voted on in December.

June 2025 – working on equipment inspections, visiting all grantees, audit preparation, FY2025 financial assistance agreements.

Board Meeting Schedule – received 8 responses to the recent survey of convenient days/times for have monthly meetings. The majority of participants on the board agreed the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. would be the most appropriate.

FY2024 Status: Overman shared a document with the tonnage diversion numbers as of the end of the third quarter that ended on March 31st, showing 3321.03 tons had been reported.

FY2025 Grant Round: Overman gave a brief update on the upcoming project year. After board approval in April, we have received modified budgets from all grantees, reflecting awarded amounts. All projects have been entered into ReTRAC and approved by DNR.

Grantee Requests:

M2024-009 McDonald County – motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request to extend this grant, giving a new end date of June 30, 2026; and modify budget as follows: FTE 1 Wages – reduce \$2,100.00, FTE 2 Wages – reduce \$3,050.00, FTE 1 Fringe – reduce \$400.00, FTE 2 Fringe – reduce \$350.00, Mileage – reduce \$100.00, Floor Scale - increase \$500.00, Poly Box Cart – increase \$800.00, Vehicle/Trailer Maintenance – increase \$500.00, Facility Repairs/Improvements – increase \$4,200.00; this does not increase or decrease the total awarded amount. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Cope abstained.

Mr. Cope spoke briefly about the recent passing of Dane Paulson, who was the Manager of the Litter Control and Recycling program. Bruce Arnold will assume the Manager role, and an additional employee has been added.

M2024-011 City of Granby – motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request to extend this grant, giving a new end date of June 30, 2026. Mr. Bard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

M2024-014 Ritter Industries – motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request to modify budget as follows: Gravity Wagons – reduce \$4,000.00, Bagger – increase \$4,000.00; this does not increase or decrease the total awarded amount. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments: There were none.



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Set Next Meeting: Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.