



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Joplin Public Library Community Room – 1901 E 20th Street, Joplin, MO 64804

The open meeting notice was posted at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2026, 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-214, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email patty@regionm.org

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

<i>Chairperson</i>	Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Kellie Inmon	Cities of McDonald County
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Kirra Antrobus	Cities of Jasper County	David Johnson	Barton County
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Bartosh	Jasper County	Mark Knight	Newton County
	Joshua Bard	City of Joplin	Lawna Price	Cities of Newton County
	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County	Rusty Rives	Cities of Barton County
			Joe Wilson	Vernon County

Others in Attendance

- Patty Overman, Region M
- Josh Gilmore, Noble Earth Recovery
- Waylon Gilman, Noble Earth Recovery
- Steve Ward, Service Recycling
- Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries
- Jerad Stockton, McDonald County
- Scott Patterson, City of Joplin
- Bo Noah, City of Neosho

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:10 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 April 16, 2026. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Price – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on March 19, 2026, as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Administrative Contract: Overman presented the draft administrative contract for District Operations and Plan Implementation for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve contract as presented. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



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

Missouri Recycling Association

Annual conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2026, in Springfield, MO at University Plaza
Overman noted that a couple of board members or grantees may attend the conference under Region M sponsorship.

Collection Events

- a. Sarcoxie – March 28th
- b. Nevada – April 18th
- c. Duquesne – May 9th
- d. Lamar – May 30th
- e. Anything for the Fall has been cancelled and/or on-hold pending legislation.

Legislation of Interest – for informational purposes

- SB917 Paint Care stalled
- SB1210 Battery Recycling stalled
- SB1586 Modifies regulations for districts – most recent version would keep the districts intact but divert 10% of the total district allocation to be redistributed to DNR to be used for abandoned landfill assessments.

Department of Natural Resources

- New staff, Michelle, will be reviewing grants.
- New reporting system, Qualtrics, was used to submit last reports and is simple to navigate.
- No updates on the 10CSR 80 rule.
- Region M Plan for Solid Waste Management has been submitted.

MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- Working with districts to develop a set of standards and procedures for districts as a placeholder for the rule.
- Meetings with DNR have been tense recently. Region M staff will continue to maintain a professional working relationship with WMP.

Open Projects Update: Overman reported that all projects are running smoothly. Total tonnage diversion reported last quarter is – bringing the total to date to -

FY2027 Grant Round: Overman presented a summary of the 17 applications received along with the aggregate ranking and the anticipated funding available, and notes from the Review Committee including recommendations for funding.

FY2027 District Operations: Motion by Mr. Wilson – approve budget of \$100,000.00 for FY2027 Region M District Operations. Mrs. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

FY2027 Plan Implementation: Motion by Mrs. Inmon – approve budget of \$80,000.00 for FY2027 Region M Plan Implementation. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Approval of FY2027 Projects:

Motion by Mrs. Price – award City of Joplin funding in the amount of \$64,000.00 for project M2027-003. Mrs. Antrobus seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – award City of Carthage funding in the amount of \$52,526.97 for project M2027-004. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rives – award City of Neosho funding in the amount of \$85,000.00 for project M2027-005. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – award City of Duenweg funding in the amount of \$5,399.00 for project M2027-006. Mrs. Inmon seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Knight – award Vernon County funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 for project M2027-007. Mrs. Price seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilson – award Ritter Industries funding in the amount of \$27,000.00 for project M2027-008. Mrs. Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – award Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for project M2027-009. Mrs. Price seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilson – award City of Granby funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 for project M2027-010. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, abstain; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Price – award Restoration Life Center funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for project M2027-011. Mrs. Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Knight – award McDonald County funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 for project



M2027-012. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, abstain; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, abstain; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Price – award City of Sheldon funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for project M2027-013. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, abstain; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Goodwin – award Noble Earth Recovery funding in the amount of \$21,500.00 for project M2027-014. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – award Innovative Industries funding in the amount of \$14,000.00 for project M2027-015. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Cope, yes; Antrobus, yes; Bartosh, yes; Bard, absent; Goodwin, yes; Inmon, yes; Johnson, absent; Knight, yes; Price, yes; Rives, yes; Wilson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – due to lack of funding, do not award funding to Missouri Smoke, MACO Creations, City of Nevada, and Mother Earth Compost. Mrs. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board discussed visiting with the two new applicants, Mother Earth Compost and Missouri Smoke and seeing their operations prior to the next grant round. It was recommended that the City of Nevada apply through the DNR Scrap Tire Grant for Playground Surface Materials, and MACO Creation to revisit applying next year with a project that focuses more on recycling and waste reduction.

Grantee Requests:

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request for M2026-009 City of Granby to modify their budget, adjusting line items as follows:, noting this does not change the total approved amount of the grant. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request for M2026-014 Ritter Industries to modify their budget, adjusting line items as follows:, noting this does not change the total approved amount of the grant. Mrs. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Adjourn: Motion by Mrs. Price – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mrs. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.