



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Region M Office Building – 1801 W 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

The open meeting notice was posted at 8:30 a.m. on January 13, 2025, 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 (Strikethrough if not in attendance)

Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Kellie Inmon	Cities of McDonald County
Mark Knight	Newton County	Nate Siler	Cities of Newton County
John Bartosh	Jasper County	Kirra Antrobus	Cities of Jasper County
David Johnson	Barton County	Rusty Rives	Cities of Barton County
Joe Wilson	Vernon County	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County
		Joshua Bard	City of Joplin

Others in Attendance

Patty Overman, Executive Director
Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services
Diana Howell, City of Neosho
Scott Patterson, City of Joplin
Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Ms. Kirra Antrobus, Vice-Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 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. Wilson – approve and accept meeting agenda dated January 16, 2025. Mr. Bartosh 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 November 21, 2024, as presented. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board Member: Motion by Mr. Rives – appoint Mr. Mark Knight to the Region M Executive Board, serving as the representative of Newton County. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



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Financial Report: Patty Overman gave a summary of financial position for the period ending December 31, 2024, including bank account balances, expenses paid, and interest earned. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Department of Natural Resources

- New Director, Kirk Shaffer, was announced recently.
- Anticipated legislation for a paint recycling program.
- Update on the annual allocations from WMP.

Solid Waste Management Districts

- 10 CSR 80 – 9.060 District Grant Rule draft was reviewed and several items were highlighted.

MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- No meeting in December and January. The next one is scheduled for February 5, 2025.

Missouri Recycling Association

- Annual Conference Planning – Overman is the committee and conference Chairperson. Theme is Tackling Challenges: A Game Plan for Waste Diversion in Missouri. Working on session topics, speakers, tours, exhibitors, vendors, etc.

EPA Grant Submission

- Region M is partnering with Higher Society, MOKAN and the Alliance of Southwest Missouri to apply for funding through the Inflation Reduction Act to fund environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities. Region M would have a budget of \$1.6 million for the funding of HHW and E-waste events over a three-year period, along with some bins to be used for recycling at public events.
- The application was submitted in November and should be awarded at the first of the year.

Open Projects: Overman presented the open projects for FY2024-FY2025, noting the total tonnage diversion for the second quarter was 6,703.44 tons.



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FY2026 Grant Round Update: Overman discussed the recent workshops, which are going well. Reminding the Board that applications are due on Friday February 7, 2025 by noon. We are looking at several new applicants this year.

Grantee Requests: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Region M Office Building in Joplin.

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.