



**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.  
1801 W 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Joplin, MO 64804 – Upstairs Conference Room

*The open meeting notice was posted at 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2023, 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ste. C-212, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email [patty@regionm.org](mailto:patty@regionm.org)*

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

<i>Chairperson</i>	Jamey Cope	McDonald County	John Bunch	Cities of McDonald County
<i>Vice Chairperson</i>	<del>Alan Cook</del>	<del>Newton County</del>	Nate Siler	Cities of Newton County
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Bartosh	Jasper County	<del>Greg Dagnan</del>	<del>Cities of Jasper County</del>
	<del>David Johnson</del>	<del>Barton County</del>	Russ Worsley	Cities of Barton County
	Everett Wolfe	Vernon County	<del>Rauni Brown</del>	<del>Cities of Vernon County</del>
			Keenan Cortez	City of Joplin

**Others in Attendance**

Patty Overman, District Administrator  
Weston Rea, Fiscal Officer  
Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**Introductions:** Chairperson Cope introduced himself and asked everyone to give their name and which organization they represent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated July 18, 2023, as presented. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated May 16, 2023. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Appoint Board Member:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – appoint Mr. John Bunch, Mayor of Goodman, to represent the cities of McDonald County. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Financial Update:** Weston Rea presented financial reports to the board which included bank balances, FY2023 project balances, interest earned, and expenses for the months of May and June. Motion by Mr. Cortez– accept and approve the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2023, as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



**Program Update:** Patty Overman gave an update of tasks and activities since the last meeting. *FY2023* – All projects are ready to be closed out, received final reports. Total tonnage diversion numbers equal 4635.4 tons reported.

*FY2024* – All projects have DNR's final approval. Financial Assistance Agreements have been returned and entered into ReTrac. Physical files, spreadsheets for budgeting and tracking have been created.

*Community Collection Events* – Springtime collection events went well. Total electronics collected were 18.86 tons, and 30.94 tons of tires. Looking for locations to host Fall events.

*SWAB/DNR* – The last meeting was in May, while the next one is scheduled for August. Program Director, Chris Nagal, has resigned. There is no update on the District L lawsuit, still under appeal. Currently working on gathering information for the Annual Reports that are due for SWAB and the District.

*Funding Opportunities* – Several letters of support were written for the following applications: USDA, City of Neosho; Glass Recycling Foundation, Ritter Industries; Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants/DNR, Jasper School District, Carthage Parks and Recreation, Economic Security Early Head Start, and City of Joplin.

*Legislation on Interest* – HB93 requires a 1000' buffer zone for transfer stations. HB880 establishes a paint recycling program, requiring retailers and distributors to participate.

*Industry Conferences* – Attended the MWCC Conference the week prior to the board meeting, along with the City of Joplin, and the City of Carterville. Received confirmation for funding to attend the Resource Recycling Conference in Orlando in August. Also participating on the planning committee for the Missouri Recycling Association Conference, which is in St. Louis in September.

*Annual Management Council Meeting* – Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Discussion of a commodities panel, appointment of Executive Board, Election of Officers, Review FY2023, goals for FY2024.

**FY2024 Education Grant Application:** Patty Overman presented the Education Grant Application documents. There were no modifications from the previous year, except changing the dates to reflect the current fiscal year. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approval of FY2024 Education Grant Application to be made public. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Grantee Requests:** FY2023 Projects were closed.

M2023-001 District Operations: Motion by Mr. Cortez - close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$144.66. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-002 Plan Implementation: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$9,955.51. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



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M2023-003 City of Joplin: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Siler seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Cortez abstained. Motion carried.

M2023-004 City of Sheldon: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-005 City of Carthage: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$455.95. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-006 Vernon County: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Wolfe abstained. Motion carried.

M2023-007 City of Neosho: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Siler abstained. Motion carried.

M2023-008 Noel Elementary: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$6,090.50. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-009 Joplin ReStore: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-010 City of Seneca: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-011 McDonald County: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$2,090.83. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Cope abstained. Motion carried.

M2023-012 Service Recycling: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-013 Newton County: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-014 City of Granby: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$3,058.46. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-015 Quality Products: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-016 MACO Creations: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-017 Computer Recycling Center: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez



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seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-018 Jasper County: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor while Mr. Bartosh abstained. Motion carried.

M2023-019 Area Agency on Aging: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$516.55. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-020 Ritter Industries: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – close grant. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2023-021 Noble Earth Recovery: Motion by Mr. Cortez – close grant. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Set Next Meeting:** Annual Management Council Meeting - Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Joplin Public Library. Executive Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Region M Office Building.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cortez adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.