



## **MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Advanced Technical Training Center – Commons Meeting Area  
located at 420 Grand Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

*The open meeting notice was posted at 1:00 pm on April 15, 2021 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 County

John Bartosh – Jasper County

Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon County

Jamey Cope – McDonald County

Ira Hawkins – Cities of Newton County

Russ Worsley – Cities of Barton County

### **Board Members Absent:**

Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin

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

Mary Anne Phillips, Advisory Committee – Retired

Tony Robyn, Advisory Committee – MOKAN Regional Partnership

Luke Westerman, Advisory Committee – Computer Recycling Center

Deb Markman, Economic Security

Jack Cronin, Lamar Enterprises

Bruce Arnold, McDonald County

Lindsey James, City of Joplin

Amanda Wells, Quality Products

Josh Shackles, Noble Earth Recovery

Daniel Johnson, Noble Earth Recovery

Nate Siler, City of Neosho

Josh Gilmore, Noble Earth Recovery

Kirra Antrobus, Service Recycling

Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

Shane Douglas, Quality Products

Shelly Bethel, Noble Earth Recovery

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

**Roll Call:** All in attendance introduced themselves. Patty Overman introduced those attending and participating virtually via Zoom.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept meeting agenda dated April 20, 2021 as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Cook – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated March 16, 2020. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



**Review and Approval of Financial Reports:** Ms. Overman gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending March 31, 2021. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Cope 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 –

*FY2022* – 17 applications were received, with funding requested totaling \$784,479.66. Overman informed the Board estimated funding to be available is estimated at \$550,000.00. She mentioned after funding has been approved, there is still a process that is followed, and no project may start until final approval has been received from DNR and there is a signed Financial Assistance Agreement between the District and the Grantee. The tentative start date is July 1, 2021 with project end date being June 30, 2022. Each project must have four quarters of tonnage diversion reporting and show other activities that are relative.

*Events* – Overman discussed recent events and participation rates being very satisfactory compared to previous years, and upcoming events that have been scheduled.

*DNR* – Overman mentioned writing letters of support for applicants seeking funding through the Scrap Tire Grants. DNR has their annual training scheduled for early June, which is an all-day virtual event. Quarterly reports have been received from all grantees and will be entered into ReTrack before the end of April

**Status of Open Projects:** There were two remaining projects open for FY2020, with one of them scheduled to close out during this meeting with board approval. All FY2021 projects are going well, and quarterly reports have been submitted to the district office.

**Legislation – HB775:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding several items included in HB775 including oversight from DNR, audits, redistribution of funds from EIARA to minimally funded districts, and grant review time periods for DNR. The board agrees that reducing oversight from DNR would have negative effects on the district and the Waste Management Program across the state. Motion by Mr. Cope – strongly oppose HB775 and anything related to the potential passing of it, including the white paper created by the SWAB work group. Mr. Hawking seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**FY2022 District Operations Budget:** Ms. Overman presented a budget totaling \$73,250.00, which is \$250.00 less than FY2021. There is no mention of increases or decreases in the RFP or Administrative Contracts. Budgets will be decided upon and approved on an annual basis by the Region M Executive Board. Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approve budget as presented. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**FY2022 Plan Implementation Budget:** Ms. Overman presented a budget totaling \$69,000.00, which is the same amount as FY2021. There is no mention of increases or decreases in the RFP or Administrative Contracts. Budgets will be decided upon and approved on an annual basis by the Region M Executive Board. Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve budget as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



**Administrative Contract Renewal:** The board reviewed the administrative contract between Region M Waste Management District and Patty Overman, which would begin on July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2022, noting the only modifications being monthly meetings with DNR, SWAB, and Planners, would have a virtual option along with in-person travel when that becomes available. Planner salary totals \$52,000.00, which is the same amount as FY2021. Motion by Mr. Cook – approve FY2022 Administrative Contract as presented. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

**M2020-017 Newton County:** Newton County requests to close the Litter Control and Recycling Project and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$3,421.14. Motion by Mr. Cope – approve request to close out project and deobligate remaining balance. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Cook abstained. Motion carried.

**FY2022 Funding Allocations for Grantees:** The aggregate ranking form was shown on the overhead screen for all meeting attendees to view, and the same document was shared for those attending virtually via zoom. This document allowed all meeting participants to view grantee requested amounts, reviewer points, and average scores; placing them in an order ranked highest to lowest by average score received. Total amount requested was \$757,229.66, with a target funding amount of \$550,000.00 to allocate. Chairperson Hardin began by asking which grantees might consider reducing their requests, then the board began looking at several funding scenarios. After a lot of deliberation, the board came up with recommendations that they felt made the best use of funding available.

M2022-003 Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity, ReStore: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$9,900.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-004 City of Joplin: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$63,606.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-005 Service Recycling: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$42,660.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-006 City of Neosho: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$57,004.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-007 City of Carthage: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$31,458.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, abstain; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.



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M2022-008 Quality Products: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$7,918.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-009 McDonald County: Motion by Mr. Bartosh - approve funding in the amount of \$77,105.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, abstain; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-010 City of Sheldon: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$2,081.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-011 Vernon County: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$60,000.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, abstain; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-012 City of Seneca: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$6,879.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-013 Newton County: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$25,846.00. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, abstain; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-014 City of Granby: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$59,000.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, abstain; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-015 Economic Security: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-016 Lamar Enterprises: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$52,000.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, abstain. Motion carried.

M2022-017 Ritter Industries: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$19,200.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

M2022-018 Jasper County: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$17,176.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, abstain; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

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M2022-019 Noble Earth Recovery: Motion by Mr. Cope - approve funding in the amount of \$26,187.00. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows – Hardin, yes; Cook, yes; Short, yes; Bartosh, yes; Brown, yes; Cope, yes; Hawkins, yes; Worsley, yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Jamey Cope, McDonald County Commissioner, informed the group of two beneficial programs - Feeding America and Farmers to Families. Ms. Lindsey James, City of Joplin Recycling Coordinator, announced a tire collection event coming up early May.

**Set Next Meeting:** Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. at the downstairs meeting room in the Newman Innovation Center, which houses the Region M Office at 407 S Pennsylvania Ave in Joplin, MO.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Cope – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Joe Hardin adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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