



**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.  
Newman Innovation Center – Downstairs Meeting Room  
located at 407 S Pennsylvania Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

*The open meeting notice was posted at 4:00 pm on August 16, 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  
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:**

Alan Cook – Newton County  
Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin  
Mike Davis – Barton County  
Terry Lance – Cities of McDonald County

**Others in Attendance:**

Patty Overman, District Planner – Region M Waste Management  
Weston Rea, Accountant – Weston’s Tax and Accounting  
Luke Westerman, Advisory Committee – Computer Recycling Center  
Jennifer Fagan, Advisory Committee – Republic Services  
Kirra Antrobus – Service Recycling  
Lindsey James – City of Joplin  
Josh Gilmore – Noble Earth Recovery

**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 10:36 am.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated August 18, 2021 as presented. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated July 20, 2021. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Financial Reports:** Mr. Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending July 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 and upcoming community collection events, “mini” education grant application, equipment inspections, and items of interest from recent SWAB and Planners meetings.

**Status of Open Projects:** There are four projects open for FY2021, scheduled to close out at the end of this calendar year. All FY2022 projects have started and are going well.

**M2021-012 Jasper County:** Motion by Mr. Short – approve request to close this project. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Bartosh abstained. Motion carried.

**M2021-016 Webb City:** Motion by Mr. Cope – approve request to close this project and deobligate the remaining balance of \$981.43. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Lindsey James from City of Joplin Recycling Department mentioned Joplin’s Third Thursday is coming up and the programs and activities the Recycling Center will promote at their booth during this event, including the HHW program.

**Set Next Meeting:** Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 10:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled to be held at Joplin Workshops, Inc., located at 520 Michigan Ave. in Joplin, MO.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Cope – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Hardin adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am.

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