



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

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Newman Innovation Center/Region M Office – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
located at 407 S Pennsylvania Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

*The open meeting notice was posted at 1:00 pm on May 17, 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

Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin

Jamey Cope – McDonald County

Ira Hawkins – Cities of Newton County

Russ Worsley – Cities of Barton County

### **Board Members Absent:**

Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon County

Mike Davis – Barton County

Alan Cook – Newton County

Lewis Davis – 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

Kirra Antrobus - Service Recycling

Bruce Arnold - McDonald County Litter Control and Recycling Program

John Bunch, Retired - McDonald County Commission

Josh Gilmore – 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 10:38 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated May 19, 2021 as presented. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated April 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 April 30, 2021. Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bartosh 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 status of FY2022, community collection events, DNR annual training, legislation of interest, and upcoming membership council meeting.



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**Status of Open Projects:** There was one remaining project open for FY2020, scheduled to close out at the end of June 2021. All FY2021 projects are going well, while a few have extension requests on the agenda for today.

**M2021-004 City of Seneca:** Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve request to extend project and additional 6 months, giving it a new end date of December 31, 2021. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2021-007 City of Carthage:** Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve request to extend project and additional 6 months, giving it a new end date of December 31, 2021. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Short abstained. Motion carried.

**M2021-010 Newton County:** Motion by Mr. Short – approve request to extend project and additional 6 months, giving it a new end date of December 31, 2021. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2021-014 Lamar Enterprises:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request to modify budget, reallocating remaining balances of line items tires (\$1,474.68) and fuel (\$894.52), totaling \$2,369.20 to be used for repairs on their main collection vehicle. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**M2021-015 Missouri Recycling Association:** Motion by Mr. Cope – approve request to extend project and additional 6 months, giving it a new end date of December 31, 2021. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Hardin recognized Mr. John Bunch and thanked him for serving on the Region M Executive Board for 8 years while he was Commissioner of McDonald County. All in attendance agreed having Mr. Bunch on the board was beneficial and welcomed him back to visit meetings in the future.

**Set Next Meeting:** Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 10:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled at the ATTC Building located at 420 Grand Ave. in Joplin, MO.

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

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