



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday March 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Joplin Public Library Community Room – 1901 E 20th Street, Joplin, MO 64804

The open meeting notice was posted at 11:00 a.m. on March 16, 2026, 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)

<i>Chairperson</i>	Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Kellie Inmon	Cities of McDonald County
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Kirra Antrobus	Cities of Jasper County	David Johnson	Barton County
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Bartosh	Jasper County	Mark Knight	Newton County
	Joshua Bard	City of Joplin	Lawna Price	Cities of Newton County
	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County	Rusty Rives	Cities of Barton County
			Joe Wilson	Vernon County

Others in Attendance

- Patty Overman, Region M
- Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services
- Weston Rea, Wild Range Associates
- Richard Brockman, City of Nevada
- Wendy Elder, City of Granby
- Rito Soto, City of Granby
- Dustin Elder, City of Granby
- Josh Gilmore, Noble Earth Recovery
- Intern, Noble Earth Recovery
- Tony Pignatiello, Missouri Smoke
- Dustin Maberry, MACO Creations
- Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries
- Paul Franklin, Ritter Industries
- Tylor Hines, Mother Earth Compost
- Jerad Stockton, McDonald County
- Terry Edwards, City of Duenweg
- Eric Cameron, City of Nevada
- Julie Tilley, City of Carthage
- Lanette, City of Carthage
- Scott Patterson, City of Joplin
- Bo Noah, City of Neosho
- Jennifer Ervin, JAHFH ReStore
- Karen Sprenkle, Restoration Life Center
- Tom Furrh, Innovative Industries



Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated March 19, 2026. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call and Introductions: Around the room, all attendees introduced themselves and included which organization they represent.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on January 15, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Price seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Inmon – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on January 28, 2026, as presented. Mrs. Antrobus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Missouri Recycling Association

Annual conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2026, in Springfield, MO at University Plaza
Overman noted that a couple of board members or grantees may attend the conference under Region M sponsorship.

Collection Events

- a. Sarcoxie – March 28th
- b. Nevada – April 18th
- c. Duquesne – May 9th
- d. Lamar – May 30th
- e. Anything for the Fall has been cancelled and/or on-hold pending legislation.

Legislation of Interest – for informational purposes

- SB917 Paint Care stalled
- SB1210 Battery Recycling stalled
- SB1586 Modifies regulations for districts – has been placed on the calendar for perfection.

Department of Natural Resources

- New staff, Michelle, will be reviewing grants.
- New reporting system, Qualtrics, was used to submit last reports and is simple to navigate.
- No updated on the 10CSR 80 rule.

MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- Working with districts to develop a set of standards and procedures for districts as a placeholder for the rule.



Open Projects Update: Overman reported that everything seems to be going well with the current grantees. The next quarterly reports are due by April 10th, so there will be a tonnage diversion update at the next board meeting.

Plan for Solid Waste Management: Overman presented the final draft of the plan for solid waste management for the district. Motion by Mrs. Inmon – approve plan and submit to DNR for review. Mrs. Antrobus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

FY2027 Grant Round: Overman presented the tentative timeline for the next grant round, along with a summary of applications received and anticipated funding available. The 17 applicants gave a brief overview of their proposed projects to the review committee and board. Order of presentations were as follows – Missouri Smoke, Noble Earth Recovery, MACO Creations, Ritter Industries, Mother Earth Compost, Vernon County, McDonald County, City of Duenweg, City of Nevada, City of Carthage, City of Granby, City of Joplin, City of Sheldon, City of Neosho, Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Restoration Life Center, and Innovative Industries.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – accept all applications to be considered for funding and review of the committee. Mrs. Price seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Grantee Requests:

Motion by Mr. Wilson – approve request for M2026-014 Ritter Industries to modify their budget, adjusting line items as follows: Hammermill \$12,176.38, and Forklift Repairs \$4,900.00, noting this does not change the total approved amount of the grant. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve request for M2026-007 MSSU to modify their budget, adjusting line items as follows: Recycling Bins \$4,000.00, UTV \$11,998.89, Recycling Conference \$3,500.00, Signage \$2,021.31, Tilt Carts \$12,000.00, Tilt Cart Lids \$3,000.00, and Trailer \$1,930.00, noting this does not change the total approved amount of the grant. Mrs. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Inmon – approve request for M2026-013 Restoration Life Center to modify their budget, adjusting line items as follows: Recycling Containers \$0.00, HVAC System \$444.98, and Tools/Operation Supplies \$1,385.02, noting this does not change the total approved amount of the grant. Mrs. Antrobus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.