



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.
1801 W 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804 – Upstairs Conference Room

The open meeting notice was posted at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 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 32nd Street, Ste. C-212, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email patty@regionm.org

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

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

Others in Attendance

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| Patty Overman, District Administrator | Josh Gilmore, Noble Earth Recovery |
| Weston Rea, Fiscal Officer | Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries |
| Jennifer Fagan, Review Committee, Republic Services | Scott Patterson, City of Joplin |

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:09 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. Johnson – approve and accept meeting agenda dated May 16, 2023, as presented. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated April 18, 2023. Mr. Dagnan 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 month of April. Motion by Mr. Cortez– accept and approve the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2023, as presented. Mr. Dagnan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Brief discussion regarding the money market account at Community National Bank and Trust. This account was opened initially because of the taller interest rate. Funds were primarily kept in there, then transferred to Checking each month when payments were made. After changing the account type and opening the sweep accounts, the interest rate went to very minimal, and the account doesn't get used.



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Motion by Mr. Johnson – close Money Market Account and corresponding Sweep account at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2023. Mr. Cortez 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 going well. Patty is working on vendor profiles and making sure Recycle Search is up to date. This information will be shared on the Region M website when completed. *FY2024* – All information has been entered into ReTRAC, waiting for feedback and final approval from DNR. Financial Assistance Agreements will be sent out for signatures in June. The tentative start date is still July 1, 2023.

Community Collection Events – Several electronics recycling and tire collection events have been scheduled for each county in the District for the next few months.

SWAB/DNR – Brief summary and update of the lawsuit with District L and DNR, the potential formation of a formal group for the Districts to participate in, stakeholder meeting on June 6th regarding Landfill Operations, and the Annual Report being due soon.

Funding Opportunities – Overman mentioned the scrap tire grants through MDNR deadline extended to June 19th, composting grants through USDA, and the market development program through EIARA.

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 – MWCC conference is in July and Overman will be attending one day. MORA Conference is in September, Patty is participating on the Awards Committee. Applied for funding to attend the Resource Recycling Conference in August.

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.

Other – Overman will be attended the tour of Noble Hill Landfill in Springfield, visited several Earth Day events recently in the District, and plans on touring Fiberlite and Service Recycling who are both interested in applying for funding through the EIARA program.

Financial Audit for 2-year period ending June 30, 2023: Weston Rea presented the financial audit prepared by Jaci Taylor at NEO Accounting. There was a brief discussion regarding the audit, length of time it took, and costs involved. Mr. Rea mentioned putting some policies in place, so all accounting procedures are documented for reference. Mr. Cortez requested to see background information, and a peer review, including a few current clients of NEO Accounting at some point. Motion by Mr. Cortez – approve and accept the financial audit as presented. Mr. Dagnan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Grantee Requests: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Region M office building in Joplin.

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Cortez – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Dagnan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 11:51 p.m.