



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

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.  
Newman Innovation Center – 407 S Pennsylvania Ave, Joplin, MO 64801

*The open meeting notice was posted at 1:00 pm on December 1, 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  
Terry Lance – Cities of McDonald County

### **Board Members Absent:**

Alan Cook – Newton County  
Keenan Cortez – City of Joplin  
Mike Davis – Barton County  
Russ Worsley – Cities of Barton County

### **Others in Attendance:**

Patty Overman, District Planner – Region M Waste Management  
Weston Rea – Weston's Tax and Accounting Services  
Luke Westerman, Advisory Committee – Computer Recycling Center  
Kirra Antrobus – Service Recycling  
Jack Cronin – Lamar Enterprises  
Bruce Arnold – McDonald County Litter Control and Recycling Program

**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept meeting agenda dated December 8, 2021, as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Review and Approval of October Financial Reports:** Weston Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending October 31, 2021. Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of November Financial Reports:** Weston Rea gave a brief report and presented balances, a check register, and interest earned for the period ending November 30, 2021. Mr. Rea explained how the ICS accounts transfer funds. Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



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**Status of Open Projects:** Overman reported there are four projects open for FY2021, scheduled to close out at the end of this calendar year. All FY2022 projects are going well, other than equipment such as trailers being currently unavailable at a reasonable cost to grantees.

**Program Update:** Overman gave an update to the board regarding recent and upcoming community collection events, the MORA Annual Conference overview and feedback received, SWAB Annual Report, PSI and potential paint legislation, Republic Services purchase of Midwest Fibre, and new Advisory Committee members Jeff Jones and Melody Cundiff.

**Approval of FY2023 Instructions and Timeline:** Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the instructions and timeline for the next grant round, having applications due January 31, 2022 and a tentative start date of July 1, 2022. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of FY2023 Public Notice:** Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the public notice for the next grant round, to be placed in newspaper publications circulating all five counties in the District. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of FY2023 Application for Funding:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept the application for the next grant round, making it and all documents available on the Region M website. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of FY2023 Scoresheet:** Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the scoresheet for the next grant round, with modification of one objective of the measurable outcomes “Cost per ton is reasonable” to “Cost per ton is reasonable, *considering type of material stream*”. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of FY2023 Review Committee:** Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept the Review Committee for the next grant round, which is the current Advisory Committee excluding Luke Westerman. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Set Next Meeting:** Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 10:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled to be held at the Newman Innovation Center at 407 S Pennsylvania 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 11:38 am.

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