



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Joplin Workshops, Inc. – 520 Michigan Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

The open meeting notice was posted at 9:00 am on September 13, 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

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

Brooke Henson – Service Recycling

Lindsey James – City of Joplin

Wesley Ritter – Ritter Industries

Jeff Jones – Joplin Workshops, Inc.

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Joplin Workshops Inc.: Jeff Jones, Executive Director of Joplin Workshops, Inc., gave a brief description of the programs JWJ participates in, followed by a tour of the facility.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept meeting agenda dated September 15, 2021 as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mr. Worsley – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated August 18, 2021. Mr. Hawkins 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 August 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.



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Program Update: Ms. Overman gave an update to the board regarding recent and upcoming community collection events, “mini” education grant application, MORA Annual Conference, City of Joplin Comprehensive Plan for Solid Waste Management, equipment inspections, and upcoming 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.

M2022-002_1 Newton County Library: Motion by Mr. Hawkins – approval of Education Grant in the amount of \$1,289.00 to be used for recycling bins and other supplies. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2022-002_2 Neosho School District/Central Elementary: Motion by Mr. Worsley – approval of Education Grant in the amount of \$1,991.57 to be used for a water bottle refill station and other supplies. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Lindsey James from City of Joplin Recycling Department mentioned a public auction on September 18, 2021 at Joplin Public Works.

Set Next Meeting: Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 10:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled to be held at Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore., located at 5201 N Main St. 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 11:22 am.

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