



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 27 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Newman Innovation Center – 407 S Pennsylvania Ave, Joplin, MO 64801

The open meeting notice was posted at 12:00 pm on January 24, 2022 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

Alan Cook – Newton County

Jamey Cope – McDonald County

Ira Hawkins – Cities of Newton County

Terry Lance – Cities of McDonald County

Board Members Absent:

Rauni Brown – Cities of Vernon 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

Lindsey James – City of Joplin

Jeff Jones – Joplin Area Workshops / Region M Advisory Committee

Executive Board Meeting Call to Order: Mr. Joe Hardin, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 10:43 am.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept meeting agenda dated January 27, 2022, as presented. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mr. Cope – approve and accept the meeting minutes dated December 8, 2021. Mr. Short seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Status of Open Projects: Overman reported there are four projects open for FY2021, which are on the agenda to close during this meeting. All FY2022 projects are going well, other than equipment such as trailers being currently unavailable at a reasonable cost to grantees, all quarterly status reports have been received.



Program Update: Overman gave an update to the board regarding recent and upcoming community collection events, and noted the costs are significantly higher than a few years ago. Quarterly financial status has been completed for DNR, along with the quarterly status updates from all grantees. The budget for the next fiscal year is being worked on, waiting on insurance and financial audit costs. There are several new prospects who have reached out regarding submitting an application for FY2023, which are due on Monday, January 31, 2022.

M2021-004 City of Seneca: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the request to close out the Recycling Center grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$2,138.00; since all reports, including final, have been received. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2021-007 City of Carthage: Motion by Mr. Cook – approve and accept the request to close out the Recycling Center grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$396.13, since all reports, including final, have been received. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Short abstained. Motion carried.

M2021-010 Newton County: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the request to close out the Waste Management Program grant and deobligate remaining funds in the amount of \$6,121.96, since all reports, including final, have been received. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Cook abstained. Motion carried.

M2021-015 Missouri Recycling Association: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the request to close out the MORA Conference Sponsorship grant, since all reports, including final, have been received. There are no funds to deobligate. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

M2022-005 Service Recycling: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the request to modify the Semi-Trailers grant budget, allowing \$42,660.00 to be used for the purchase of a Semi Truck and the partial purchase of an additional Semi Truck. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding the availability and current cost of trailers and what options there may be for the grantee. All voted saying “nay” in opposition to request. Motion was not approved. It is the wish of the Board to see the trailers purchased, even if a lower quantity at a higher rate, to stay within the scope of work originally outlined in the financial assistance agreement.

M2022-005 Service Recycling: Motion by Mr. Short – approve a modification of the end date to the Semi-Trailers grant, allowing a three-month extension, giving it a new closing date of September 30, 2022, in hopes of allowing additional time to secure the purchase of semi trailers. Mr. Cope seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



M2022-009 McDonald County: Motion by Mr. Short – approve and accept the request to modify the budget for the Recycling and Litter Control grant as follows - Reduce line item TRUCK \$2,000.00; reduce line item GAYLORD BOXES \$952.00; increase line item FUEL \$1,500.00; increase line item ASSISTANT PAYROLL \$1,452.00. The total amount of the budget does not change the originally approved funding. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, while Mr. Cope abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: Next scheduled Region M Executive Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 10:30 a.m., tentatively scheduled to be held at the McDonald County Annex, located at 504 Main Street in Pineville, MO.

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Short – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Hardin adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

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