



**MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Region M Office Building – 1801 W 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

*The open meeting notice was posted at 7:30 a.m. on November 18, 2024, 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ste. C-214, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email [patty@regionm.org](mailto:patty@regionm.org)*

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

Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Kellie Inmon	Cities of McDonald County
<del>Alan Cook</del>	<del>Newton County</del>	Nate Siler	Cities of Newton County
John Bartosh	Jasper County	Kirra Antrobus	Cities of Jasper County
<del>David Johnson</del>	<del>Barton County</del>	<del>Russ Worsley</del>	<del>Cities of Barton County</del>
Joe Wilson	Vernon County	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County
		Joshua Bard	City of Joplin

**Others in Attendance**

Patty Overman, Executive Director  
Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services  
Kayla Tortat, Service Recycling  
Wesley Ritter, Ritter Industries

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**Executive Board Meeting Call to Order:** Mr. Jamey Cope, Chairperson of the Region M Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept meeting agenda dated November 21, 2024. Ms. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on October 17, 2024, as presented. Ms. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Board Member:** Motion by Ms. Inmon – appoint Mr. Rusty Rives to the Region M Executive Board, serving as the representative of the Cities of Barton County. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



**Financial Report:** Patty Overman gave a summary of financial position for the period ending October 31, 2024, including bank account balances, expenses paid, and interest earned. Motion by Mrs. Antrobus – accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

#### Department of Natural Resources

- State Solid Waste Management Plan – divided into 3 categories (districts, composting, other – haulers, mrf's, etc). Burns and McDonnell gave an update at the MORA Membership forum last month and is anticipated to have the plan completed by October 2025.
- Anticipated legislation – PSC paint recycling
- Scrap Tire Fund – projects missing items when submitted, application training.

#### Solid Waste Management Districts

- District Solid Waste Management Plans – a template was developed and after receiving positive feedback, several districts have started working on theirs.
- 10 CSR 80 Comments are being accepted, monthly meetings.

#### MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- Bylaws were modified to include voting alternates having the ability to serve as an officer.
- Officers will be elected during the November meeting.
- Annual Report was accepted and finalized.

#### Missouri Recycling Association

- Annual Conference Planning – session topics, speakers, tours, etc.

#### EPA Grant Submission

- Region M is partnering with Higher Society, MOKAN and the Alliance of Southwest Missouri to apply for funding through the Inflation Reduction Act to fund environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities. Region M would have a budget of \$2.7 million for the funding of HHW and E-waste events over a three-year period, along with some bins to be used for recycling at public events.
- The application was submitted in November and should be awarded at the first of the year.

**Open Projects:** Overman presented the open projects for FY2024-FY2025, noting the total tonnage diversion for the first quarter is near 500 tons.



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**Review FY2026 Documents:** Overman presented several documents for the board to review and approve to be posted publicly –

**FY2026 Public Notice** – Motion by Ms. Antrobus – approve and accept FY2026 Public Notice document as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**FY2026 Application** – Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept FY2026 Application document as presented. Ms. Antrobus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**FY2026 Scoresheet** – Motion by Mr. Bartosh – approve and accept FY2026 Scoresheet for Review Committee document as presented. Ms. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**FY2026 Instructions** – Motion by Ms. Antrobus – approve and accept FY2026 Instructions document as presented. Mr. Bartosh seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Grantee Requests:** There were none.

**Open Sealed Proposals/Administrative Contract:** There was one bid received, from Patty Overman, proposing to operate and manage the District as an Independent Contractor. Total budget for District Operations and Plan Implementation to be \$105,000.00 (\$65,000.00 Salary for Executive Director / \$40,000.00 operating expenses) with an additional \$50,000.00 for collection events and \$10,000.00 for education.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – accept the Administrative Contract Proposal received from Patty Overman. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the salary for Executive Director.

Motion by Mr. Bartosh – Increase the annual salary by \$10,000.00 for Patty Overman totaling \$75,000.00. Ms. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Set Next Meeting:** Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mr. Bartosh – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Ms. Inmon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.