



MINUTES – Region M Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
Region M Office Building – 1801 W 32nd Street, Joplin, MO 64804

The open meeting notice was posted at 8:30 a.m. on August 12, 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 32nd Street, Ste. C-214, Joplin MO 64804, by calling (417)317-5021, or email patty@regionm.org

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

<i>Chairperson</i>	Jamey Cope	McDonald County	Kellie Inmon	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	Kirra Antrobus	Cities of Jasper County
	David Johnson	Barton County	Russ Worsley	Cities of Barton County
	Everett Wolfe	Vernon County	Tammy Goodwin	Cities of Vernon County
			Josh Bard	City of Joplin

Others in Attendance

Patty Overman, District Administrator
Joe Wilson, Vernon County
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 11:02 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. Wolfe – approve and accept meeting agenda dated August 15, 2024. Mr. Worsley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Goodwin – approve and accept minutes for meeting Board Meeting on July 18, 2024, as presented. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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



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

Department of Natural Resources

- Burns and McDonnell is conducting interviews with the districts currently; they're in their information gathering phase. Will present results and an update in October.
- Funding allocations have been reviewed and approved and a target date of August 16, 2024 for distribution of payments to the districts.

Solid Waste Management Districts

- District Solid Waste Management Plans – Overman and a couple other districts have started working on a template for districts to use when developing their plan. Previous plan from the late 90's was 300+ pages and the goal is to be more at 100-125 pages max. This is not a comprehensive plan, does not have requirements to be as in-depth as previously interpreted.
- Planners Association – 5 districts voted in favor of, 13 voted no. and 2 had no comment or were not in attendance to vote.
- Education Program – monthly meeting of districts with primary focus on recycling education at the school level, not just the general public. MEEA and other organizations will be presenting each month.

MO Solid Waste Advisory Board

- Planners Association was voted on, as previously noted.
- Officers will be elected during the next meeting.

Missouri Recycling Association

- Membership Forum 10/03/24 – stakeholders meeting and other topics to be discussed.
- Annual conference May 2025 – location to be determined soon.

Other

- MWCC Conference – Overman moderated a session with a panel of recycling companies across the state.
- Resource Recycling – Overman applied for a scholarship grant to attend. Focus is municipal recycling programs and contract negotiation.
- Joplin SWAC – REO project, residential contract for trash and curbside recycling is coming up.
- Scrap Tire Project Grants – applications are currently being reviewed. The district had provided letters of support for several communities.



Upcoming Tasks/Projects

- Financial Audit – engagement letter has been received and auditor is reviewing all information that was sent to her.
- Solid Waste Management Plan – template to review, visited with representatives from Burns and McDonnell for feedback.
- FY2026 Grant Round Planning – will meet with review and advisory committee soon and have draft documents with recommendations to present during the October meeting.
- Administration Contract – would like to get it awarded sooner than later. Put out for bid in October, approval in December, start in July 2025.
- Annual Management Council Meeting is next month.
- Community Collection Events – waiting on funding from DNR before scheduling, but have a couple of communities who have reached out. We have budgeted \$5k per county for this fiscal year.

Planning: Overman spoke about several items and opened for discussion from the Board.

Review Bylaws – discussed the organization of the board and election of officers.

Upcoming Open Board Seats – Vernon County and Newton County would be vacant at the end of the calendar year.

Annual Membership Council Meeting – planning for next month, initial Plan discussions.

Review Administrative Contract – will present at October meeting for review.

Monthly Meeting Structure – currently in-person unless a quorum isn't expected. A couple of board members have asked for a hybrid meeting where in-person or a zoom option would be available each month.

Grantee Requests: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Set Next Meeting: Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Annual Management Council Meeting at the Joplin Public Library).

Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Wolfe – adjourn Region M Executive Board Meeting. Mrs. Goodwin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Cope adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.