

**East Central Solid Waste Management District – Region I**  
**Full Council Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Warren County R-III High School Commons, 803 Pinckney Road, Warrenton, Missouri**  
**Monday, December 7, 2020 - 12:00 p.m.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to meet with appropriate social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held at the Warren County R-III High School Commons. A Zoom option was provided for those who could not or chose not to attend in person.

Following lunch, introductions were made. BRP Executive Director Chad Eggen, who serves as the East Central Solid Waste Management District – Region I Planner, aided with this by announcing those attending on Zoom. The following individuals were present:

Rich Daniels, Montgomery County	Dave Teeter, Montgomery County	Steven Deves, Montgomery City
Ryan Poston, Montgomery County	John Noltensmeyer, Montgomery County	Doug Lensing, Montgomery County
Samuel Saffa, Office of Senator Hawley	Chris Watson, City of Truesdale	MaryLou Rainwater, City of Truesdale
Patrick Flannigan, City of Moscow Mills	Dan Rowden, City of Wright City	Kathleen Trentmann, City of New Haven
Dan Hampson, Warren County	Matt Flake, Warren County	Joe Gildehaus, Warren County
David Lange, City of Marthasville	Eli McDonald, Lake Sherwood Estates	Sherry Meyer, City of Jonesburg
Fred Vahle, Region I SWMD Exec. Board	Stephanie Norton, Region I Exec. Board	Jodi Schneider, City of Troy
Gary Adams, City of Bellflower	Carla Ayala, Village of Innsbrook	Lon Little, Region I Exec. Board
Julie Ingoli, Region I Advisory Com.	Carolyn See, City of Wellsville	Erik Maninga, MoDOT
Julie Rodgers, Lincoln Co. Econ. Dev.	Steve Besemer, SEMA	Jennifer Meyer, Office of Senator Blunt

Hosei Maruyama, St. Louis Cardinals Facility Director – Guest Presenter

Chad Eggen, BRPC	Chuck Eichmeyer, BRPC	Jane Cale, BRPC
Janet Hickey, BRPC	Kim Meyer, BRPC	JoAnn Toerper, BRPC
Christine Zika, BRPC	Angie Scott, BRPC	Krishna Kunapareddy, BRPC
Julie Prouhet, BRPC	Debbie Haverkamp, BRPC	Cindy Schwada, BRPC

**Guest Speaker**

Guest presenter for the meeting was St. Louis Cardinals Facility Director Hosei Maruyama. Mr. Maruyama's topic was the St. Louis Cardinals *4 A Greener Game* program through which the organization works to divert waste from landfills. He joined the Cardinals in 2004, and shared that he had moved from California where recycling was the norm. Shocked to find that not always the case in St. Louis, he often took items such as cardboard and aluminum to a drop-off spot himself.

In 2008, the Cardinals established *4 A Greener Game*. They started small, applied for grants to obtain some bins, and recycled using volunteers to collect and sort. The first year they diverted about 15% of waste generated at Busch Stadium. The program has since grown. In 2009, the Cardinals switched to LED lighting and in 2011 solar panels were installed to save energy. The organization promotes renewable energy. To save water, low flow plumbing fixtures were installed and staff systematically clean the stadium, alternately hosing down areas and focusing on the areas in need of this cleaning.

Education is an important pillar of the *4 A Greener Game* program. A "Green Team" was established which consists of volunteers who attend ballgames and help in recycling efforts. Volunteers might be school, church, or business groups. They bring bags directly to fans to make it as easy as possible to recycle. The Cardinals began hosting a free e-waste event each year, giving participants vouchers for tickets to games. They emphasize the importance of "the 3 R's" – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Additional efforts to expand *4 A Greener Game* continue. Compost was added as an item to divert from the waste stream. To improve efficiency, the organization did a waste audit to identify waste of value that could be separated. In 2015, they received a grant to recycle aluminum. They began donating leftover food to food pantries and changed their processes to reduce waste by reducing the amount of food prepared.

The St. Louis Cardinals set a goal of diverting 40% of waste from the solid waste stream. They have reached and exceeded that goal, now at 41%. They see sustainability as a journey, and would like to continue to grow.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lon Little called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda**

Steven Deves made a motion to approve the agenda. David Lange seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ryan Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 Region I Full Council Annual Meeting. Chris Watson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Reports**

Planner Chad Eggen presented the financial report (copy attached). Steven Deves made a motion to approve the financial report. Ryan Poston seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Lon Little shared that it had been a good year.

**Planner's Report**

- Region I SWMD Planner Chad Eggen named the members of the Executive Board and Advisory Committee and thanked them for their service.
- The District has been working with Warren County to do some clean-up at the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. Containers have been moved to the site to store recyclables until bales are marketed.
- Staff is working with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on the possibility of holding a pesticide collection in the district in 2021, and will keep membership posted.

**New Business**

- David Lange made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Region I Executive Board and maintain membership dues at the current level which is 75% of the amount outlined in the bylaws. John Noltensmeyer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Announcements**

- Member communities were invited to share any updates. City of Truesdale Administrator/Clerk reported amounts collected in the city's drug take-back program. (Information attached)
- The Region I District grant call will be sent out, with applications being due December 31, 2020.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_