

**East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, 111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri
Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lon Little.

District Roll Call

Executive Board members present: Fred Vahle, Lon Little, Stephanie Norton

Advisory Committee member present: Pam Gildehaus

BRPC staff present: Teresa Lee, Chuck Eichmeyer, Chris Walch, Kim Meyer, Jane Cale

Approval of Agenda

Stephanie Norton made a motion to approve the agenda. Fred Vahle seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Fred Vahle made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022, executive board meeting. Stephanie Norton seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

Financial Report

BRPC Fiscal Officer Kim Meyer provided an update on finances (copies attached), reporting that everything looks good. Funding for the East Central Missouri Recycling Center Operations has been completely expensed and program income will be used for the remainder of the grant period. The timing for receiving funding from Missouri DNR has improved. The Region I District dues account has a balance of \$34,000.

Stephanie Norton made a motion to approve the financial statements. Lon Little seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

The following checks had been prepared:

Check #1196	BRPC: \$10,454.72	East Central Missouri SWMD-Region I – District Operations
Check #1197	BRPC: \$35,734.49	East Central Missouri Recycling Center Operations

Stephanie Norton made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Lon Little seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Bank statements were given to Region I Executive Board Treasurer Fred Vahle for signature.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Lon Little shared that he wanted to thank everyone for attending the meeting and for the work that they do.

Planner's Report

Planner Teresa Lee reported the following:

- **Solid Waste Advisory Board / Legislative Update** – At the February meeting, there was a discussion concerning a lawsuit put forward by the Region L Solid Waste Management District. A judge has ruled in favor of the Region L District; however, DNR has appealed the decision so there will be no changes in operation at this time. There are varying opinions among the districts and some things in statute cannot be changed. District planners discussed the possibility of establishing a state-wide organization (similar to MACOG). Some districts are interested and would like to explore the benefits of such an organization.

Legislation regarding a paint stewardship bill is ongoing, which would require manufacturers to take responsibility for the recycling of paint.

- **East Central Missouri Recycling Center** – BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer and Recycling Center Manager Chris Walch provided an update.
 - Staff has worked hard to make sure the facility is clean and neat. A special thanks was given to Associate Committee member Pam Gildehaus for sharing a resource to recycle waste oil.

- BRPC staff members have been working on a grant offered through EPA which would address many needs including a new building, improvements to concrete, a truck, an additional staff person and equipment.
- The recycling center no longer accepts 3-7 plastics.

The recycling center picks up cardboard from several local businesses. The price of this commodity fluctuates and is currently low, while the truck and gas expenses are substantial. Board members were asked to provide input/direction about the possibility of charging to pick up cardboard. After discussion, the board thought that charging was not unreasonable and felt the amount should be left to BRPC's discretion since the organization operated the facility.

The baler at the recycling center was in need in repair. Wanting to address the problem quickly due to safety concerns, the BRPC Executive Board made a decision to proceed with repair. Stephanie Norton made a motion to pay for repair of the baler up to the estimated amount of \$6,630.62 from the Region I SWMD dues account. Fred Vahle seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

The truck used by the recycling center is also in need of repair and an estimate of \$2,500 to \$3,000 has been received. Fred Vahle made a motion to pay for repair of the truck up to the amount of \$3,000 from the Region I SWMD dues account. Stephanie Norton seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

Staff will put an educational display at the recycling center and/or create a video for Earth Day.

The board discussed that Planner Teresa Lee is distantly related to two Region I SWMD Executive Board members. This should not be an issue since it is beyond a 4th degree relation.

Business Items

Review of grant applications - The District received two grant applications. One was for the continued operation of the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. The other was for facility improvement and transportation for Earthwise Industries.

After review, Stephanie Norton made a motion to approve the grant application for the continued operation of the East Central Missouri Recycling Center with funding in the amount of \$85,099.00, which together with program income of \$36,471.00, will have a total project cost of \$121,570.00. Fred Vahle seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

The Region I SWMD does not have the resources to fund both grant applications. The application for continued operation of the recycling center scored higher than the grant from Earthwise Industries. Board members expressed that the recycling center has been an ongoing project which serves the entire district. They also felt it is a great need to the region, has benefitted communities, is well managed, and has proven itself since opening in 2010.

Region I District Operations grant application and contract for administration – Staff will publish a notice for request of qualifications for administrative services for the Region I SWMD in the papers of each county the district serves. The District Operations grant application and selection of administrator will take place at the May 2023 executive board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Region I SWMD Executive Board & Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn

With no other business, Stephanie Norton made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____

Lon Little, Chairman