

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
August 20, 2026

Chair Steve Fijalkowski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Authority's Recycling Center Building and declared the existence of a quorum. Those present were Authority Board members, Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Ms. Sharon Scott, Mr. Barry Helms, Mr. John Boyer, and Mr. Dwyn Taylor. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Isaac Wall from NRRA, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator. Mr. Paul Jacobson, Authority Counsel, participated in Zoom during the closed meeting section of the meeting.

To start the meeting, Mr. Cummins recognized Ms. Stafford for 25 years of service with MRSWA. He complimented her work ethic and thanked her for staying with the Authority through the good and the not so good times. Ms. Stafford said she enjoyed working at the Authority and hopes to retire from MRSWA. She was presented with a bonus check, flowers, gift card and wine.

Next, Mr. Wall gave the NRRA report. He said NRRA would not have a meeting in August. During the HHW event at NRRA in August, Mr. Wall said over 5,000 pounds of paper were shredded and 200 people attended.

The next item on the agenda was a Closed Meeting. On motion of Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Board unanimously approved going into Closed Meeting to discuss items under the following Sections of the Code of Virginia for matters and purposes described as:

- Code Section 2.2-3711.A.29: Discussion of the award of public contracts involving the expenditure of public funds, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contracts, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body related to renewal of user agreement with New River Resource Authority.
- Code Section 2.2-3711.A.8: Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, related to (1) User Agreement, as amended, between Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority and Virginia Tech, including third party contract obligation to utilize Authority facilities and (2) renewal of user agreement between Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority and New River Resource Authority.

A roll call vote was taken to go into Closed Meeting. Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Fijalkowski, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Ms. Scott, yes, and Mr. Taylor, yes.

The Board then went into Closed Meeting. Mr. Boyer, Mr. Fijalkowski, Mr. Helms, Ms. Scott, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cummins, and Mr. Jacobson (by Zoom) were present for the closed meeting. At the end of the Closed Meeting, Mr. Taylor moved that the Board return to Open Meeting and Mr. Helms seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to approve reconvening in Open Meeting. Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Fijalkowski, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; and Ms. Scott, yes. All Board members present each individually approved the following certification resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Before the roll call vote was taken on this certification resolution Ms. Scott asked if there was any member of the Board who believed there was a departure from the requirements of number (1) or number (2) above, and no member made any such statement. A roll call vote was taken as follows to certify the resolution. Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Fijalkowski, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Mr. Taylor, and Ms. Scott, yes. The certification resolution passed.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda and no changes made to the minutes of the July 23, 2026, MRSWA Board meeting. Next, Mr. Cummins reported expenses were 1.25% below projections for the start of FY 26/27. There was no transfer made. Mr. Cummins had no invoices to note. The July financial statement was provided for informational purposes. Mr. Helms moved approval of the consent items. Ms. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in July totaled 8,369 tons, which is 138 tons more than last fiscal year and 1,415 tons ahead of budget projections. Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 815 tons of municipal solid waste and 497 tons of construction debris in July.

Recycling tonnages in July were 508 tons, 6.5 tons less than last fiscal year but 28 tons above budgeted projections. The single stream rejection rate was 0% for the month and for the fiscal year. Single stream commodity pricing decreased to \$74.34 for July. Mr. Cummins attributed the decrease to plastics dropping in price.

Revenues for July were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 2.52% above projections. He said the \$10,491 transfer from reserve funds was made for the monthly front loader payment. MRSWA also received \$5,000 from NRRA for the litter grant. The recycling profit-loss report showed revenues exceeded expenses by \$6,139. This brought the recycling position to a positive \$16,790.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Ms. Scott thanked all for a good job today and complimented Mr. Boyer on the road construction in Blacksburg.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on September 17, 2026, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Accepted:

MRSWA Chair

Date

MRSWA Secretary

