

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**June 20, 2024**

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. Present were Authority Board members Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Mr. John Boyer, Ms. Sharon Scott, and Mr. Robert Broyden. Mr. Helms was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Joe Levine, NRRRA Executive Director, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Mr. Cummins recognized Todd Hughes (assistant solid waste supervisor), MRSWA's 40-year service award employee. Mr. Hughes was unable to attend the meeting, but Mr. Cummins told the Board how helpful and informative he has been throughout the years. He added that everyone at MRSWA thought very highly of Todd. Mr. Hughes will receive a bonus for this accomplishment.

The consent items were reviewed next. There were no changes to the agenda. The MRSWA Board minutes dated May 16, 2024, were reviewed. There were no changes. Mr. Cummins reported expenses for May were 1.27% below projections. He added that Administration and Recycling were below projections and Solid Waste was slightly over projections due to higher than budgeted tonnages. No transfers were made. Mr. Cummins noted some invoices to the Board. He mentioned Dirt Movers Excavation was for settling issues at the closed landfill. He also mentioned Recycling and Administration departments split the cost of a new AC unit and furnace from New River Heating and Air. The May financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Broyden moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for May were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages totaled 9,013 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 79,500. This is an increase of 4,754 tons over the last fiscal year. Mr. Cummins said Meridian tonnages continue to look good, and they brought in 515 tons of construction material and 955 tons of solid waste.

Recycling tonnages were 541 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 5,726. This is a decrease of 426 tons when compared to last year. The rejection rate for May was .07%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .28%. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing continues to trend up with the current price at \$92.60 per ton. This is higher than the \$92.24 price last month.

May revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 9.31% above projections. A \$190,247 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment, front loader tires being recapped, and the new yard jock. Mr. Cummins stated MRSWA received \$15,000 for the old yard jock that was sold on GovDeals. The recycling profit loss report for May showed revenues exceeded expenses by \$13,353. Mr. Boyer asked if the Authority had ever changed banks. Mr. Cummins responded that a banking services RFP was done a few years ago and the Authority switched to National Bank.

Next on the agenda was the Single Stream Recyclables Processing Agreement. Mr. Cummins said the Virginia Procurement process was followed and Mr. Paul Jacobson, Authority Attorney, has reviewed the agreement. Only RDS responded to the RFP. This would be a new agreement for five years starting July 1, 2024. This agreement can be extended for another 5-year period after the initial

term. Mr. Cummins stated MRSWA has been happy with RDS and RDS has been happy with MRSWA. RDS still says MRSWA provides a clean product. The steps involved with payment/reimbursement have decreased from the current agreement. Board members asked several questions about single stream recycling. Mr. Fijalkowski asked when it would be better for MRSWA to start processing the recyclables again instead of shipping to RDS. Mr. Cummins said that option is always being studied but fiscally, now is not the time. He added that an Artificial Intelligence (AI) process is being studied in Virginia that could recycle 50% to 60% of trash. Mr. Broyden moved for approval of the Single Stream Processing Agreement. Ms. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Mulch Sale Agreement was reviewed. Mr. Cummins said the Authority has mulch left over at the end of the season. This can be sold to mulch vendors, so it is not wasted. Hollybrook Mulch provides the best pricing. The agreement states they would pay the Authority \$8.00 per ton for a one-year agreement. This agreement can be extended for another 3 years after the initial term. Mr. Broyden made a motion to approve the Mulch Sale Agreement. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was an update on Credit Cards. Mr. Cummins said the Authority has looked at allowing credit card payments through the years and believes it is time to start. Ms. Sherry Frederick contacted several companies for pricing. Thrive Operations is the best arrangement. Mr. Cummins had the scale house operator, Ms. Katrina Pennington, check with customers to see if they would be willing to pay the processing fee to be able to use a credit card. She said most customers were fine with that. The credit card machine should be installed at the scale house in the last week of June.

Mr. Levine gave the NRRRA report. He said NRRRA was not holding a June meeting. He stated NRRRA's Household Hazardous Waste Event will be held August 10.

There were no public comments.

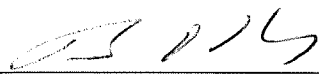
During the Board comments, Mr. Fijalkowski asked when the Board would be going on another field trip. Mr. Cummins said he hopes to plan a trip to visit the facility evaluating the AI recycling technology in the fall.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would occur on July 25, 2024, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. It was noted this is the fourth Thursday, not the usual third Thursday. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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MRSWA Chair

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MRSWA Secretary