

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**September 18, 2025**

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. Dwyn Taylor, Mr. John Boyer, and Mr. Barry Helms. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Brandon Atkins from NRRA, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Consent items were reviewed. Mr. Cummins added item D. "Landfill Gas Flare Contract", under Administration, to the agenda. There were no changes made to the August 21, 2025, minutes. Mr. Cummins reported expenses were 1.63% below projections. He stated a \$300,000 transfer was made into the reserve account. Mr. Cummins noted an invoice for Comfort Systems for \$5,547.00 stating it was for the second fan motor replacement at the transfer station. The August financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Cummins mentioned the banking service line item exceeds budgeted amounts due to increased credit card payments at the scale house. MRSWA does not pass the credit card usage fee to the customers. He mentioned the water and sewer line item stating a refund from Christiansburg should happen once the source of a water leak is fixed and documented. Mr. Taylor moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in August totaled 7,563 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to \$15,795. This is 836 tons more than last year. Mr. Cummins added that Meridian brought in 662.30 tons of municipal solid waste and 88.59 tons of construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in August were 485 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 1,001. This is less than last fiscal year by 57 tons. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing decreased again this month, down to \$66.91 per ton. He distributed an article from Resource Recycling highlighting a section on tariffs. The article states that until there is stability on tariffs, companies are unsure how to proceed with business operations. The estimate is a year for the downtrend to reverse itself.

Revenues for August were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were .72% above projections. A \$10,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. He added the operating account was lower due to \$161,000 in accounts receivable in August. The recycling profit loss report showed expenses in August exceeded revenues by \$26,624. This brought the recycling position to \$12,648.

Next was a discussion on E-Waste/Universal Waste. Mr. Cummins said MRSWA looks to be at a financial point to bring back E-Waste and Universal Waste recycling. The Authority stopped this program in 2019. Blacksburg picked the program up with help from the YMCA. Mr. Cummins presented three scenarios to the Board. The first, and most costly, would include hiring another full-time employee and accepting these products free of charge, five days a week. The estimated cost would be \$125,000. The second option would only cost approximately \$55,000. This would involve accepting E-Waste and Universal Waste only two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. With this schedule, current recycling employees could manage the load without having to hire an additional person. The third option, and least costly, would add accepting these products at the HHW semi-annual events the Authority holds. The hours of the events would be extended from the current 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, to 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. This option would cost approximately \$45,000. Mr. Cummins said having MXI, the HHW vendor, take E-Waste and Universal Waste during these events would eliminate the need for storage container costs and equipment costs. He stated all the cost estimates were rough estimates and he recommended the third

option. All Board members were glad to hear the Authority is working to bring back this type of free program for the citizens. Mr. Atkins said NRRA accepts E-Waste and Universal waste at their HHW event but added they only hold one event a year. There was discussion about the Authority holding an event when Virginia Tech students move out so they can properly dispose of such items. Also discussed was how and when Blacksburg would make the adjustment to discontinue their service. The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Cummins to establish the E-Waste and Universal Waste recycling program two times a year during the HHW events. This would be effective with Fiscal Year 26/27, meaning the first event would be held in November 2026.

Construction Debris was discussed. Mr. Cummins presented a list of construction debris customers for the past two fiscal years showing the difference in tonnages for this waste source. Construction debris is not controlled by flow-control so vendors can take it anywhere. Mr. Cummins said the disposal fee has only increased by \$5.00 over the past 20 years. Mr. Fijalkowski and Mr. Cummins met with Homeowner Association representatives to discuss construction debris. They said the representatives had good questions and were surprised at what all can be recycled and disposed of at MRSWA. The metal buyback program and the cardboard buyback program were also explained. This meeting was to provide information to the association in hopes they would utilize the Authority more for their construction debris disposal and recycling needs.

The Landfill Gas Flare Contract was reviewed. Mr. Cummins said replacing the twenty-plus-year-old gas flare system was already budgeted, but this was the contract to proceed with Product Recovery Management. He said the old system would be taken out and a portable unit would be used. \$90,000 has been budgeted for this but the cost will be \$94,796, which will be offset with other projects. Mr. Cummins said the portable unit is a used unit which comes with the full warranty intact. He added three proposals were submitted and that Mr. Jacobson, Authority Counsel, had reviewed the contract. Mr. Cummins recommended approval. Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was no report from NRRA.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Mr. Helms said Mr. Boyer would be attending the next NRRA meeting in his place. Ms. Scott thanked Mr. Cummins for finding a deal on the flare. Mr. Cummins said “thank you”, but LaBella was the one to find the portable flare.

Board members unanimously agreed the next meeting of the Authority Board would take place on October 16, 2025, at 1:30 pm at the Authority’s Recycling Center Building conference room. The annual Board dinner will also be on October 16, 2025, at the Inn at Virginia Tech at 6:00 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Accepted:

---

MRSWA Chair

---

Date

---

MRSWA Secretary