

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
April 16, 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, NRRM Manager Assistant, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

First, a public hearing was held on the Preliminary Rate Schedule for 2026-2027. Mr. Fijalkowski opened the public hearing and asked for any comments. There were none. He closed the public hearing.

Consent items were reviewed. There was a change made to the agenda. Ms. Scott added a recognition ceremony for Mr. Cummins. At this time, Mr. Fijalkowski presented Mr. Cummins with an award honoring his 20 years of service to MRSWA. He thanked Mr. Cummins for his service and all he has done for MRSWA over the years. Mr. Cummins also received a gift card for the Farmhouse. Mr. Cummins expressed his appreciation to the Board. A photographer took pictures and a press release will be publicized in the local media. He also received an apple pie. Some MRSWA employees attended the ceremony.

Continuing with consent items, there were no changes made to the minutes of the March 19, 2026, MRSWA Board meeting. Mr. Cummins reported expenses were 4.08% below projections and no transfer was made into the reserve account. He noted an invoice for Webbs Oil and stated it was for diesel fuel, and it was fortunately purchased prior to the recent fuel price increases. Mr. Cummins mentioned the multiple NRV Lawn and Landscaping invoices citing they invoice several months at once instead of individually when the mowing is completed. The March financials were presented 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 March totaled 7,410 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 63,028 tons. This is 135 tons less than last fiscal year. He attributed this to ice storm debris last year. He added that tonnages are still ahead of budgeted amounts. Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 682 tons of municipal solid waste and 319 tons of construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in March were 471 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 4,287 tons. This is 376 tons less than last year. Mr. Cummins said single stream and cardboard tonnages are still down. Single stream commodity pricing increased to \$72.97 per ton. The single stream rejection rate was .23% for the month and the fiscal year rate was .02%. When asked about the rejected load, Mr. Cummins said a load that was contaminated with plastic bags. On a good note, Mr. Cummins informed the Board that RDS, where MRSWA sends single stream recyclables, is now accepting #1, #2, and #5 clam shell containers, #5 plastic bottles and jugs, and gable top and aseptic cartons. The Board was pleased to hear this but said education about this would be a hard road since these items have not been accepted in single stream in this area since its inception. Mr. Cummins said he attended the VRA/SWANA joint conference and was told imports are hurting the PET market. The imports are made with a mix of recycled PET and virgin PET, so the product is less expensive to produce.

Revenues for March were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 3.63% above projections. He noted a \$9,001 miscellaneous income item stating this was for the sale of recycling's old forklift on GovDeals. He said a \$49,899 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment and for the new forklift in recycling. The recycling profit loss report showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$5,270. For the year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$82,841. This brought the recycling position to a \$1,940 loss.

Next, the Preliminary FY 26/27 Budget Discussion and Approval. Since the budget was discussed in detail in a previous meeting, and there were no comments during the public hearing, Mr. Fijalkowski asked if any Board member had any concerns or questions. Hearing no comments, Mr. Fijalkowski asked for a motion. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the FY 26/27 rates and budget. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Ms. Scott, yes; and Mr. Fijalkowski, yes.

The MRSWA Pay Scales were reviewed. These were discussed during the budget process. Mr. Taylor moved approval of the pay scales. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Ms. Scott, yes; and Mr. Fijalkowski, yes.

The NRRA report was given by Mr. Wall. He said NRRA HHW event is set for August 1 from 9:00 am until Noon and the next Board meeting is April 22. Mr. Cummins added he is working on MRSWA's next HHW event and plans to increase the number of appointments available to citizens since universal and electronic waste will be allowed.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Mr. Helms said he attended MRSWA's HHW event on April 11 and it went well. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Scott for her planning for the recognition ceremony and gifts for Mr. Cummins. Mr. Fijalkowski mentioned items for the Board to consider. One was changes to the compensation for the Executive Director and the other was for ways MRSWA can increase tonnages.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on May 21, 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