

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
October 16, 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. John Boyer, and Mr. Barry Helms. Mr. Taylor arrived later. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Paul Jacobson, Authority Counsel, Mr. Joe Levine from NRRA, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda or to the September 18, 2025, minutes. Mr. Cummins' reported expenses were .31% below projections and no transfer was made into the reserve account. Mr. Cummins noted VRSA items stating they were for the quarterly workers compensation coverage. He also mentioned Treasurer of Virginia invoices for DEQ permit fees, Comfort Systems invoice for a replacement AC unit in the server room, Donnie's Driveway Sealing invoice for the main parking lot patch, seal and repainting lines project, Wood Equipment Service invoice for a new wastewater pump, Webb's Oil invoice for fuel, James River Equipment invoice for a turbo replacement on the backup excavator, and Accent Wire invoice for baler wire. The September financials were presented for informational purposes. Ms. Scott moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in September totaled 7,149 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 22,945 tons. This is 1,026 tons more than last year and 2,851 tons more than projected budget tonnages. Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 689 tons of municipal solid waste and 69 tons of construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in September were 536 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 1,537 tons. This is less than last fiscal year by 56 tons and 17 tons less than projected budget tonnages. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing decreased again this month, down to \$62.51 per ton. He added that some cardboard mills are shutting down or are not currently taking cardboard. The single stream rejection rate was 0% for the month, bringing the fiscal year rate to .02%.

Revenues for September were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 2.51% above projections. A \$10,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. The recycling profit loss report showed revenues exceeded expenses by \$582.56. For the fiscal year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,538. This brought the recycling position to \$24,011.

Next, Mr. Levine gave the NRRA report. He mentioned their next meeting is set for October 22 and their November meeting will be early in the month. Mr. Levine also said NRRA will be holding a budget meeting soon and will review a tip fee analysis. He also said the state police gave a cybersecurity presentation at NRRA that covered fraud attempts.

During public comments, Mr. Cummins thanked Mr. Jacobson for his legal services to the Authority since the Authority was formed in 1995, especially during flow control. Mr. Jacobson spent considerable time and effort getting a flow control ordinance approved legally and adopted by Blacksburg and Montgomery County. Mr. Jacobson thanked Mr. Cummins but said Mr. Cummins was the real leader behind the flow control effort.

In Board comments, Mr. Fijalkowski said Mr. Cummins had been nominated for a New River Regional Commission award for 2025, but unfortunately, was not chosen. Mr. Cummins thanked the Board for nominating him. Ms. Scott spoke about her meeting with Todd Robertson with Stateson Homes. He is a building contractor that uses Meridian for construction debris instead of the Authority. She added the meeting went well and Mr. Robertson, along with two other colleagues, would like to visit the Authority and meet with Mr. Cummins to get more information on the services the Authority offers. Mr. Boyer mentioned a vacancy in Blacksburg's Public Works Department. Mr. Taylor talked about a 60 Minutes story about AI and the nefarious ways it is being used to defraud businesses. He mentioned this in connection with Mr. Levine speaking about the cyber-attacks NRRA has encountered in the past 2 years. Mr. Taylor said one focus of the story was on bogus invoices.

Board members unanimously agreed the next meeting of the Authority Board would take place on November 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Mr. Fijalkowski stipulated that no business would be discussed at the Board Dinner later.

Accepted:

MRSWA Chair

Date

MRSWA Secretary