

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
September 17, 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 confirmed that a quorum was present.

Authority Board members present:

- Steve Fijalkowski
- Sharon Scott
- Barry Helms
- John Boyer
- Dwyn Taylor

Others present:

- Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director
- Isaac Wall, NRRA
- Sherry Frederick, MRSWA Administrative Assistant

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda or to the minutes of August 21, 2026, MRSWA Board meeting.

Mr. Cummins reviewed expenses. He reported that fiscal year-to-date expenses were 1.1% below projections and that there was a \$200,000 transfer from operating funds to reserves in August. Mr. Cummins noted a few invoices which were:

- Webb's Oil Company: \$34,947.11 for diesel fuel, approximately \$2 per gallon more than last fall.
- Winschell Environmental LLC: \$4,147.81 for a sewer pump for the transfer station.
- MSA Safety Sales: \$2,982.73 for a sensor. Mr. Cummins installed the sensor.

Financial statements were reviewed next. Mr. Cummins made no comments.

Ms. Scott moved to approve the consent items, and Mr. Helms seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins reported that August solid waste tonnages were 8,088.44 tons, bringing the fiscal year-to-date tonnage to 16,457. This exceeded the prior fiscal year by 663 tons and surpassed budget projections by 2,550 tons. He also reported that Meridian delivered 812 tons of municipal solid waste and 447 tons of construction debris in August. August recycling tonnage totaled 486 tons, bringing the fiscal year-to-date tonnage to 995. This was down 5 tons compared to the prior fiscal year but ahead of budget projections by 34 tons. The single-stream rejection rate remained at 0% for August and the fiscal year. Single-stream commodity pricing rose by \$3.59 in August to \$77.93. Mr. Cummins noted that fiber prices increased, metal prices remained steady and plastics were mixed.

Revenues for August were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated fiscal year-to-date revenues were 3.8% above projections. A \$14,523.55 transfer was made from reserves for the monthly front loader payment and the transfer station sewer pump. The recycling profit-loss report showed expenses exceeded revenue by \$8,495. This brought the recycling position to a positive \$10,636. Mr. Taylor asked why there seemed

to always be loss in the recycling department. Mr. Cummins explained the single stream fee charged to customers covers what MRSWA pays Tomorrow Recycling for processing but does not cover transportation costs. If MRSWA did include transportation costs, the single stream disposal fee for customers would be so high recycling tonnages would drop. As of now there is an \$18/ton loss on single stream. When commodity pricing for metals and cardboard increases (which MRSWA sells to market), the better the chance MRSWA has for breaking even in recycling.

The Board next considered revisions to the purchasing policy resolution. Mr. Cummins explained that the policy, last revised in 2022, required updating because of a change to the Code of Virginia which now included “non-transportation related construction” phrasing throughout the Code. MRSWA’s attorney, Mr. Paul Jacobson, drafted the revision. The resolution was adopted by roll-call vote, with Mr. Boyer, Mr. Fijalkowski, Mr. Helms, Ms. Scott, and Mr. Taylor each verbally voting yes.

Mr. Cummins mentioned the facility had a VDEQ inspection on September 3, 2026. The transfer station, tire facility and the closed landfill had no VDEQ violations. Ms. Scott complimented the staff and crew of MRSWA. Mr. Cummins indicated he would mention the accomplishment to the staff at the next staff meeting.

Next, Mr. Wall gave the NRRA report. He said NRRA also had a DEQ inspection on its Ingles’s Mountain waste site. No report has been received at this time. Mr. Wall reminded the Board of the NRRA’s Board meeting next Wednesday, September 23, 2023. He had nothing further to report.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Mr. Taylor noted that Virginia Tech developed a memo of understanding on the MRSWA disposal agreement. Their contracts will require haulers to bring all waste and construction, except for the hokie stone remnants and hazardous waste, to MRSWA. Mr. Boyer added that the Town of Blacksburg attorney said to add verbiage to all agreements that waste goes to MRSWA. Mr. Helms said that the Town of Christiansburg already does this process. Mr. Fijalkowski said that the County Administrator is currently checking contracts but will make sure this is added to all future contracts.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on October 15, 2026, at 1:30 pm at the Authority’s Recycling Center Building conference room. Mr. Cummins and Mr. Fijalkowski reminded the Board that the Annual Board Dinner is also on the evening of October 15, 2026. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Accepted:

MRSWA Chair

Date

MRSWA Secretary

Date