

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**APRIL 20, 2023**

Chair Chris Kiwus 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 Dr. Chris Kiwus, Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Mr. John Boyer, Mr. Barry Helms, and Ms. Sharon Scott. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Joe Levine, NRRRA Executive Director, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

A Public Hearing on the Preliminary Rate Schedule for 2023-2024 was held. A newspaper notice advertising the public hearing was published in the News Messenger on March 29 and April 5, 2023. Dr. Kiwus opened the public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments. Dr. Kiwus closed the public hearing.

Consent items were reviewed. Mr. Cummins made a change to the agenda. He added item D. "RDS Fire Update" under Administration. Mr. Helms added a new item to the agenda. He added item VIII. "Board Comments" after Public Comments. The minutes from the March 16, 2023, MRSWA Board meeting were reviewed, and no changes were made. Mr. Cummins said expenses for March were 1.95% below projections. He did note two invoices. One invoice was for Farmers Mulch and Rock, which was for brush grinding services. The other invoice was Accent Wire Tie which was for two spools of baler wire. The monthly financial statement was presented for informational purposes. Mr. Fijalkowski asked about contract services being so much and Mr. Cummins stated the brush grinding services and tire hauling are included in this item. He said prices for both have increased tremendously over the past year. Mr. Helms moved the consent items be approved. Mr. Fijalkowski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for March were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages for the month totaled 6,963 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 58,618. This is 1,250 tons more than this time last year. Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 376 tons in construction waste and 719 tons in municipal solid waste. He added that in 2021, Meridian brought no tonnage in March so hopefully the waste is starting to come back to the Authority. Recycling tonnages were 549 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 5,069. This is a decrease of 338 tons from last year. Mr. Cummins distributed a commodity chart showing single stream pricing is slowly increasing. The price increased to \$66.12 in April which is higher than \$63.74, the price in March. The chart also reflected pricing for all recyclable materials and Mr. Cummins gave a breakdown for each item. The rejection rate for March was .3%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .44%.

March revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were .09% below projections and no transfers were made. The lower revenue is attributed to recycling commodity prices being down. However, Mr. Cummins did say interest revenues have increased. The profit loss report showed recycling expenses exceeded revenues by \$15,492. Mr. Cummins said this puts the year-to-date recycling position at \$89,561.

Next on the agenda was the FY 23/24 Budget Discussion and Approval. Since the budget was discussed in detail in previous meetings and there were no comments during the public hearing, Dr. Kiwus asked if any Board member had any concerns or questions. Hearing none, Dr. Kiwus asked for a motion. Mr. Fijalkowski moved the FY 23/24 budget be approved. Ms. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Kiwus thanked everyone for their efforts during the budget process.

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event was discussed next. Mr. Cummins stated the event was held April 8 and approximately 60 vehicles came through the line. Mr. Cummins then asked the Board if the collection of fluorescent light bulbs could be added to future events. He said the contractor, MXI, does accept them now. The consensus of the Board was to add fluorescent tubes to future HHW events.

Next was the added item of an RDS Fire Update. Mr. Cummins said RDS had a fire at its facility on March 16, so since then, single stream has been baled at the Authority Recycling Facility so the material could continue to be collected. RDS should be operational as of today. RDS will be providing transportation to pick up two baled single stream loads per week to catch up on the loads the Authority has stored onsite. Mr. Cummins thanked the Authority team for all their efforts during the RDS shutdown.

The NRRA report was presented next. Mr. Levine said NRRA had not had a meeting since January but will hold a public hearing next week for the proposed rates for FY 23-24. He said only tires and sludge rates are proposed to increase. He gave a brief update on area D and said NRRA has started doing tours again.

There were no public comments.

Next was the added item of Board Comments. Mr. Helms informed the Board that he had been reappointed to the MRSWA Board by the Town of Christiansburg for another 4-year term. He then mentioned brush grinding again. He said this was brought up several years ago that Christiansburg wanted to grind their own brush so they could give it away to Christiansburg residents, but the request was denied. Mr. Cummins added that per the user agreement between MRSWA and jurisdiction members, items that are accepted at the Authority are required to come to the Authority to keep fees down. Mr. Helms asked about changing the agreement and Mr. Cummins said the agreements were renewed just a few years ago. Ms. Scott asked if the Authority is fully staffed now and Mr. Cummins said for the first time in six months, yes.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would occur on May 18, 2023, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

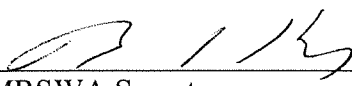
Accepted:



MRSWA Chair

6/15/23

Date



MRSWA Secretary