

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
August 17, 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, Ms. Sharon Scott, Mr. Barry Helms, and Mr. John Boyer. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Dave Rupe, NRRA Administrative & Compliance Manager, and Ms. Sherry Frederick, MRSWA Administrative Assistant.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes offered to the agenda or the MRSWA Board minutes dated July 13, 2023.

Mr. Cummins said expenses for July were 0.84% below projections and there were no transfers. Mr. Cummins stated July's invoices were routine but would take any questions on any of the line items. The monthly financial statement was presented for informational purposes. The Board had no comments or questions on the expenses. Mr. Fijalkowski moved the consent items be approved. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for July were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages totaled 7,333 tons. This is 817 tons more when compared to last fiscal year. He stated construction waste was higher than normal due to Precision Pipeline bringing in waste from a pipeline project. Mr. Cummins also said Meridian brought in 719 tons of solid waste in July, which is 500 less tons than in June but consistent with July 2022.

Recycling tonnages for July were 479 tons. This is a decrease of 24 tons when compared to last fiscal year. Mr. Cummins indicated that single stream commodity pricing in August (\$46.22/ton) was lower than July pricing (\$51.97/ton). The rejection rate in July for single stream was zero percent (0%).

July revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 1.62% above projections. Mr. Cummins mentioned the two pump station pumps were repaired and returned to MRSWA, but they are not installed because of the ongoing pump station liner project. Mr. Rupe asked Mr. Cummins the company MRSWA used for leachate matters. Mr. Cummins informed him it was WSP, formerly Golder & Associates.

The next item on the agenda was the Annual Board Dinner. Two Board members said they could not attend the dinner if held on October 19, so Dr. Kiwus suggested the date be changed. Mr. Cummins then asked the Board if they had any issues with a buffet style at the Farmhouse or would they prefer to have a sit-down service at the Inn at Virginia Tech. All were acceptable with a buffet at the Farmhouse. Mr. Cummins said he would get with Kim and discuss date changes.

Mr. Cummins gave an update on the Solar Project. He said representatives from Sun Tribe toured the MRSWA facility on August 7, 2023. Mr. Cummins then said the goal is to have

a draft agreement for the Board to review at the September Board meeting, with a Sun Tribe presentation expected at the October Board meeting.

The Proposed Indigo Road Rubble Landfill was discussed next. Mr. Fijalkowski said the request for this landfill failed to pass the Montgomery County Planning Commission. He said the proposed landfill is not being considered now but expects the landowner to reapply using another way into the property. Ms. Scott wanted to know if MRSWA could handle the extra material. Mr. Cummins said MRSWA is permitted for 1,000 tons per day and are currently receiving approximately 300 tons per day. Mr. Fijalkowski pointed out a few of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors see the carbon footprint as a problem when transporting the materials from the transfer station to the NRRA landfill.

The resolution authorizing Sole Source Procurement was reviewed. Mr. Cummins said a repair is needed for the front loader used in the recycling facility. He added this piece of equipment is over 15 years old and was purchased through the Carter CAT Company. Carter CAT Company inspected the front loader and found a substantial leak in the engine. The location of the leak requires dismantling a substantial portion of the engine. The price to fix the equipment is \$14,112.22. Mr. Fijalkowski asked the cost of a new one. Mr. Cummins stated a new front loader would cost well over \$100,000. Mr. Cummins also said because of the age of the equipment, he felt it was in the best interest of MRSWA to use Carter CAT Company. The age of the equipment makes it questionable whether another company would have the parts and knowledge to properly repair it. Dr. Kiwus commented that the repair cost was very reasonable. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Sole Source procurement. Ms. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.


Next on the agenda was the NRRA report. Mr. Dave Rupe mentioned the opening of a new cell at the landfill and the arrival of a new compactor.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Fijalkowski and Ms. Scott said they would not be able to attend the September 21 MRSWA Board meeting.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Accepted:



MRSWA Chair

10-19-23
Date



MRSWA Secretary