

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**August 15, 2024**

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. 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, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Alan Cummins recognized Katrina Pennington for a service award. Ms. Pennington has worked at MRSWA for 5 years as the scale house attendant and she is the first point of contact for facility customers. Mr. Cummins said he has never received any complaints about her from customers. He stressed her helpfulness during the credit card implementation at the scale house. Ms. Pennington completed an informal survey with customers to see if they would be interested in having a credit card payment option and trained other employees how to use the credit card payment system. Ms. Pennington was awarded a \$50 bonus and received applause and congratulations from the Board.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes to the agenda or to the July 25 MRSWA Board meeting minutes. Mr. Cummins reported expenses were 1.01% below projections for the start of the 24/25 Fiscal Year. He added that no transfer was made into reserve funds. Mr. Cummins reviewed one invoice. The invoice was a \$3,900 payment to Montgomery Sanitation Services for pumping out the pits and scale area at the transfer station. The July financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Helms moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages in July totaled 7,719 tons. This is an increase of 386 tons over July 2024 tonnages. He said Meridian July tonnages totaled 1,242 consisting of 459 tons of construction debris and 783 tons of municipal solid waste. Mr. Fijalkowski asked if there is any way Meridian can get around bringing MRSWA tonnages. Mr. Cummins said Meridian can still divert tonnages away from MRSWA per the flow control ordinance, but once they hit the diversion limit, all tonnages must come to MRSWA. Mr. Boyer mentioned a service provider (Tidy Services) that he plans to contact to see if they operate in Blacksburg. Montgomery County is also checking on this vendor because the vendor paid a permit fee but did not submit the paperwork.

Recycling tonnages in July were 511 tons. This is an increase of 32 tons when compared to last July. Mr. Cummins said single stream and cardboard tonnages increased. The rejection rate for July was 0%. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing continues to increase. The current price is \$92.38 per ton. That is an increase of \$1.00 from last month. Mr. Boyer asked if commodity pricing followed the trends of the economy and stock market. Mr. Cummins said he has found that trash volumes are a much better indicator than commodity pricing.

Revenues for July were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were .14% below projections. A \$10,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. The recycling profit loss report for July showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$3,563. This brought the recycling position to \$5,912.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the Annual Dinner. Ms. Stafford said dates had been discussed and October 30 was the first choice. Board members agreed they could attend that evening. The dinner will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant with the social starting at 6:00 pm and the dinner at 7:00. Invitations will be mailed in September.

No NRRA report was given.

There were no public comments.

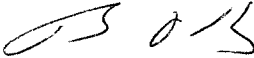
There were no Board comments.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would occur on September 19, 2024, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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MRSWA Chair

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MRSWA Secretary