

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 16, 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, and Ms. Sharon Scott. Mr. Barry Helms participated by telephone. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, David Rupe with NRRA, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

At this time, Mr. Helms explained why he could not attend the meeting (COVID) and asked approval to participate and vote by telephone. Mr. Fijalkowski moved that Mr. Helms had a good excuse so he should be approved. Mr. Boyer second the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda. The minutes from the January 19, 2023 MRSWA Board meeting were reviewed, and no changes were made. Minutes from the February 1 budget committee meeting were reviewed, and no changes were made. Mr. Cummins said expenses were 1.75% below projections. No transfers were made. There was one expense to note. Mr. Cummins said the expense in the solid waste department for Hilton Land Management was for services they provided to cut a path in the trees on the slope behind the transfer station. The DEQ inspector had suggested additional litter collection was needed so additional paths were put in. The January financial statement was presented for informational purposes. Ms. Scott moved the consent items be approved. Mr. Fijalkowski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for January were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages for the month totaled 6,536 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 45,211. This is 793 tons more than this time last year. Mr. Cummins said Meridian has been bringing in more waste lately. Meridian brought in 1,178 tons in January. He said he was told Thompson Trucking is pulling 2 trailers a day for Meridian, which is taken to their landfill in Lunenburg, Va. Recycling tonnages for January were 580 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 4,011. This is a decrease of 193 tons from last year. Mr. Cummins said single stream tonnages continues to be low. The rejection rate for January was .93%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .52%. The price of single stream increased to \$55.37. Mr. Cummins said the price is going in the right direction, but very slowly.

January revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were .38% above projections and there was no transfer made in January. He added that the operating account is doing a little better with more customers paying on time. The profit loss report showed recycling expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,500. Mr. Cummins said this puts the year-to-date recycling position at \$95,158.

Next was the Tire Recycling and Disposal Contract. Mr. Cummins said Patriot Recycling was the most cost-effective option. They did increase pricing \$1,100.00 per trailer. Other providers were comparative in cost but could only provide roll-offs instead of trailers. Mr. Cummins recommended approval of the contract. Mr. Fijalkowski moved approval of the contract. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Helms asked if the tire fee could be increased in next year's budget to help offset budgetary increases in other fees. Then he proposed a percentage increase across the board to be more consistent. Mr. Cummins said he could provide another scenario that would reflect this.

A Solar Update was provided. Mr. Cummins said five proposals were received, and it was narrowed down to three. The jurisdictional committee also reviewed and the top two are Virginia

companies. Mr. Cummins said presentations have been scheduled later in February with Sun Tribe and Summit Ridge.

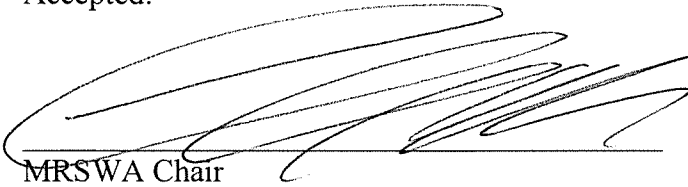
Next, the Board was reminded that the Executive Director's annual evaluation will be held at the March Board meeting during a closed session.

The NRRA report was presented next. Mr. Rupe said NRRA will hold a public hearing next month on the FY 23/24 rates.


There were no public comments.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would occur on March 16, 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

3/24/23
Date


MRSWA Secretary