

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**February 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, and Mr. John Boyer. Mr. Robert Broyden was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. David Rupe and Mr. Brandon Atkins from NRRA, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

The consent items were reviewed next. There were no changes to the agenda. The MRSWA Board minutes dated January 19, 2024, were reviewed. Mr. Cummins reported expenses for January were 3.25% below projections, and there were no transfers. All departments were below budget. Mr. Cummins noted three invoices. An invoice from Farmer's Mulch & Rock was for a brush grinding event and invoices from LCM and PMI Lubricants were for work done on the recycling baler. The financial statement was provided for informational purposes. Mr. Helms moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for January were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages totaled 6,377 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 48,192. This is 2,981 more tons than last fiscal year. As for Meridian tonnages, Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 551 tons of municipal solid waste. He added Meridian, since its meeting with County personnel in November, looks to now be bringing the projected tonnage required by the flow control ordinances. Mr. Fijalkowski said Ashley, who works for Meridian, was cooperative during the meeting.

Recycling tonnages in January were 531 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 3,647. This is a decrease of 364 tons when compared to last year. The rejection rate in January for single stream was 0%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .20%. Mr. Cummins said the single stream commodity rate is still trending up, with the monthly price at \$78.68 per ton. This is more than January, which was \$71.76 and far better than last year at this time when the price was \$55.37 per ton. Mr. Fijalkowski commented that he spoke in front of a Ruritan club event, and he had to assure a person that recycled material is getting recycled and not being taken to the landfill.

January revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 4.83% above projections. A \$10,491.68 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. Also, MRSWA received \$10,000 from Sun Tribe as agreed upon in the solar agreement. The recycling profit loss report showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$8,934. For the fiscal year, expenses have exceeded revenues by \$364. This brings the recycling position to \$60,329.

The Executive Director's evaluation was noted on the agenda and will occur at the March Board meeting.

Mr. Rupe gave the NRRA update. He said NRRA's public hearing on FY 24/25 rates would be held in February. Only the tire rate is proposed to increase.

There were no public comments.

During Board comments, Mr. Boyer asked about MRSWA's projected fees for FY 24/25. He asked because the Town of Blacksburg is about to complete their budget process and a rough estimate is needed. Mr. Cummins said at this time, a \$2.00 increase is projected for jurisdictional solid waste and single stream. Mr. Cummins said Christiansburg had also asked for a projection on fees. He will let them know the \$2.00 fee increase will be proposed to the Board at the February 23 budget meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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MRSWA Chair

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