

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
July 13, 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, and Mr. Barry Helms. Mr. John Boyer was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Joe Levine, NRRRA Executive Director, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator. Authority Counsel Mr. Paul Jacobson participated by telephone during the public hearing for the Solar Photovoltaic project.

At this time, Dr. Kiwus opened the public hearing on the solar project. He asked if anyone would like to comment, but no public attended so no public comments were received. Dr. Kiwus closed the public hearing. For informational purposes, Mr. Jacobson told the Board the public hearing was necessary to fulfill PPEA requirements for this project. He added that contract negotiations with Sun Tribe are ongoing. Sun Tribe was the provider that presented the most realistic proposal and a zoom meeting with Sun Tribe is set for July 19. Mr. Cummins added that Sun Tribe would be making a site visit in August.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes offered to the agenda or the MRSWA Board minutes dated June 15, 2023. Mr. Cummins said expenses for June and the end of the fiscal year were 1.11% above projections. He added the only department over budget was solid waste. No transfer was made. Mr. Cummins noted invoices in all departments relating to the first quarterly payment to VRSA for Workers Compensation, Building and Property Insurance, and Vehicle insurance. This used to be paid in full, but MRSWA has changed to quarterly payments. The other invoice noted was a capital expense to Tencarva Machinery for two pumps for pretreatment. This was for \$23,096.92, but Mr. Cummins said the check is being held until the gearboxes are fixed. The monthly financial statement was presented for informational purposes. Mr. Cummins stated the expenses that exceeded budgeted amounts were ones he anticipated but he was pleased they were less over budget than expected. Mr. Fijalkowski moved the consent items be approved. Ms. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports for June were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnages totaled 7,761.77 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 82,508.02. This is 3,038.55 tons more than last fiscal year. Mr. Cummins said construction waste, jurisdictional waste, and commercial waste were all higher and industrial and sludge were lower. Meridian brought in 1,271 tons in June. Of this, 581 was construction waste and 690 was municipal solid waste. Recycling tonnages were 521.55 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 6,674.62. This is a decrease of 516.40 tons from last fiscal year. Mr. Cummins distributed a commodity chart showing single stream commodity pricing in July decreased from June. Pricing decreased from \$62.64 to \$51.97 per ton. The rejection rate for June was .1%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .47%.

June revenues were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 1.58% above projections. Per department, solid waste ended the fiscal year 5% above projections, interest was 38% above and recycling was 18% below projections. There was a transfer made of \$167,139.39. Mr. Cummins explained this was to cover expenses not cleared yet by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. This was needed because three major accounts did not pay their invoice in June. The auditors said MRSWA could do a transfer to cover the expenses and then transfer that amount back into the reserves once the three accounts paid their invoices. Mr. Cummins said the money has already been transferred back because those accounts paid their invoices in early July. The profit loss report for June showed recycling expenses exceeded revenues by \$25,266.61. Mr. Cummins said this puts the year-to-date recycling position at \$101,887.69.


Next on the agenda was the NRRA report. Mr. Levine said their Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on August 12. There was no June meeting. He also stated that MRSWA was the first entity for FY 23/24 to request an application for the litter grant NRRA offers.

There were no public comments.

Board Comments were heard next. Mr. Fijalkowski said a rubble landfill is trying to come into Montgomery County, but the request failed the Planning Commission. He added the proposal was not located in an appropriate place because of road concerns. He expects the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to hear the request in August.


Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would occur on August 17, 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

10-19-23
Date



MRSWA Secretary