

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
February 19, 2026

Vice Chair Sharon Scott 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. Those present were Authority Board members, Ms. Sharon Scott, Mr. Barry Helms, Mr. John Boyer, and Mr. Dwyn Taylor. Mr. Steve Fijalkowski was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Joe Levine, NRRRA Executive Director, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda or the minutes of the January 15, 2026, MRSWA Board meeting. Mr. Cummins' reported expenses were 2.04% below projections and no transfer was made into the reserve account. He noted one invoice which was an Accent Wire Tie invoice for baling wire. The January financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Taylor moved approval of the consent items. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in January totaled 5,985 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 49,698 tons. This is 1,811 tons more than last year and 2,812 tons above projected budget tonnages. Mr. Cummins thanked Mr. Boyer for the demolition project debris from Blacksburg in January. He added Meridian brought in 520 tons of municipal solid waste and 84 tons of construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in January were 411 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 3,404 tons. This is less than last fiscal year by 224 tons and 223 tons less than the projected budget amount. Mr. Cummins said less single stream was brought in again in January. Single stream commodity pricing increased slightly to \$62.15 per ton but pricing continues to be lower than last year. The single stream rejection rate was 0% for the month and the fiscal year rate was .01%. Mr. Boyer asked about glass recycling and if it is being stockpiled. Mr. Cummins said glass outlets are currently hard to come by, but RDS is still moving glass loads when they can.

Revenues for January were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 5.15% above projections. A \$15,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment, and the sonar scan of the transfer station floor. The recycling profit loss report for January showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$19,558. For the year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$27,752. This brought the recycling position to \$39,107.

Next, the Pretreatment Facility Services Agreement was reviewed. Mr. Cummins said the RFP process was completed for this service, but there was only one submission. WSP USA Inc., MRSWA's current provider, submitted a proposal. Mr. Cummins and Mr. Jacobson, the Authority's Counsel, developed the service agreement. The agreement is for a three-year term with the option of three additional one-year extensions. Mr. Cummins recommended WSP USA, Inc. be awarded the contract. Mr. Helms motioned WSP, USA Inc. to be awarded the Pretreatment Facility Service Agreement. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A Methane Monitoring Services Agreement was discussed. Mr. Cummins stated this was for the Board's information. The \$2,800 agreement is for TRC to perform interior methane detection monitoring on a quarterly basis during FY 26/27. Mr. Cummins said this was also reviewed by Mr. Jacobson.

A Landfill Gas and Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Services Agreement was discussed. Mr. Cummins said procurement procedures were followed and two companies submitted proposals to the RFP. LaBella Associates and Integrity proposals were reviewed by Mr. Cummins and Ms. Stafford. The review team recommended LaBella. Mr. Cummins and Mr. Jacobson developed the service agreement. This agreement is for a three-year term with the option of three additional one-year extensions. Mr. Cummins recommended approval of the agreement. Mr. Boyer moved that LaBella be awarded the Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Services Agreement. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The final agreement discussed was the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Service Agreement. Mr. Cummins said the RFP for this was advertised in accordance with Virginia procurement codes. Two proposals were submitted: one from CHA Consulting and the other from Integrity. The review team of Mr. Cummins and Ms. Stafford analyzed the proposals. CHA Consulting was the preferred vendor. Mr. Jacobson reviewed the agreement. This agreement has a three-year term with the option of three additional one-year term extensions. Mr. Cummins recommended approval of the agreement. At this time, Mr. Taylor mentioned that CHA Consulting is a good company and will include not-to-exceed pricing for construction oversite projects. Mr. Cummins stated CHA Consulting had provided construction oversite pricing within the agreement and thanked Mr. Taylor for his comment. Mr. Taylor moved that CHA Consulting be awarded the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Service Agreement. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next was information pertaining to the upcoming Executive Director's Evaluation in March. Ms. Scott said she has prepared a document for the evaluation, and it was sent to all Board members. She asked Mr. Cummins to provide additional information as well. The evaluation will be discussed in a closed meeting at the March Board meeting.

The NRRRA report was given by Mr. Levine. He said the NRRRA Board was meeting next week. Up for discussion is an emergency agreement with Tazewell to take their trash. Also, Patrick County is making a request to utilize NRRRA for their trash. Mr. Levine explained an ammonia non-compliance issue at NRRRA.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Mr. Taylor had several items to note. First, he said DEQ has approved the composting grant that Virginia Tech submitted. Next, he asked about weather closures at MRSWA. The Authority was closed on Monday, January 26 because of the snow/ice storm. Mr. Taylor said it was really challenging for VT since trash could not be brought to the Authority. Mr. Cummins said the authority rarely closes due to weather. However, when a closure is necessary, he ensures that the landfill has been closed, haulers have suspended operations, jurisdictions have been closed and personnel safety is at risk. All required measures were taken, so MRSWA was closed. Mr. Boyer said Blacksburg prepared for the storm by bringing in additional roll-off containers, but it was still a challenge. Mr. Helms said that in the past, Christiansburg couldn't get their trash trucks inside buildings so loads froze up. Third, Mr. Taylor asked if the Board meetings can be paperless and presented on a screen. Currently, packets are sent electronically so anyone can use a laptop to view the packet instead of using paper Board packets. Mr. Cummins said he would definitely explore this idea. Next, Mr. Taylor said he would be out of the state for the March Budget Committee meeting and wanted to know if he could participate virtually. Mr. Cummins stated he could follow the same procedures used when a Board member participates virtually

for a regular Board meeting. The last item he mentioned was an incident where a student accidentally threw away her architecture projects. The team at VT and MRSWA worked together and recovered the projects for the students. Mr. Taylor commended everyone involved.

Mr. Boyer announced that the Solid Waste Coordinator for the Town of Blacksburg is back in the office after being out for a while so she will start on the recycling report.

Ms. Scott thanked Mr. Cummins for considering the safety of everyone during the snow/ice storm.

Board members unanimously agreed the next regular meeting of the Authority Board would take place on March 19, 2026, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. The MRSWA Budget Committee meeting is set for Monday, March 2, 2026. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

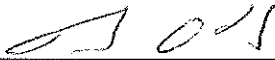
Accepted:



MRSWA Chair

4/16/26

Date



MRSWA Secretary

