

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**April 17, 2025**

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. Those present were Authority Board members Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Mr. Barry Helms, Ms. Sharon Scott, and Mr. John Boyer. Mr. Dwyn Taylor was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Brandon Atkins, from NRR, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Mr. Fijalkowski opened the public hearing on the preliminary rate schedule for FY 25/26. He asked if there were any comments. No one from the public attended so Mr. Fijalkowski closed the public hearing.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda or to the March 20, 2025, MRSWA Board meeting minutes. Mr. Cummins reported expenses were 5.34% below projections. He added that a \$200,000 transfer was made into reserve funds. Two invoices were noted. Mr. Cummins mentioned Accent Wire for baler wire and a Farmers Mulch invoice. Farmers Mulch was \$65,000 and this was for over 2,600 tons of brush grinding from ice storm debris. March financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Tonnage Reports were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in March totaled 8,527 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 63,164. This is 885 tons more than last year and 4,679 tons ahead of budgeted projections. Mr. Cummins added that Meridian brought in 619 tons in March. Of this amount, 595 tons were municipal solid waste and 24 tons were construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in March were 463 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 4,558. This is 113 tons less than last year and 16 tons below budgeted projections. The monthly rejection rate was 0%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .06%. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing increased slightly to \$96.89 per ton.

Revenues for March were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 6.24% above projections and a transfer of \$10,491 was made for the monthly front loader payment. The recycling profit loss report showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,887. Fiscal year to date expenses are more than revenues by \$15,389 and the recycling position is \$68,892. Mr. Cummins stated he will change the bottom table of the recycling profit/loss report to read OCC Material Disposal Fee Savings to Members & Customers.

Next on the agenda was the FY 25/26 Budget Discussion and Approval. Since the budget was discussed in detail in a previous meeting, and there were no comments during the public hearing, Mr. Fijalkowski asked if any Board member had any concerns or questions. Hearing no comments, Mr. Fijalkowski asked for a motion. Ms. Scott moved the FY 25/26 rates and budget be approved. Mr. Helms seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Ms. Scott, yes; and Mr. Fijalkowski, yes.

The MRSWA Pay Scales were reviewed next. Mr. Cummins presented updated pay scales that were based on the salary survey that was recently conducted by PRM Consulting Group and needed to be approved by the Board. Mr. Boyer moved approval of the pay scales to be effective July 1, 2025. Mr. Helms seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Boyer, yes; Mr. Helms, yes; Ms. Scott, yes; and Mr. Fijalkowski, yes.

Mr. Brandon Atkins gave the NRRA report. He had nothing new to report.

There were no public comments.

During Board comments, Ms. Scott asked why the budget and pay scales were approved separately since the pay scales were part of the budget process. This was done because changes to pay scales are required to be approved in their own vote.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on May 15, 2025, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Accepted:

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MRSWA Chair

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MRSWA Secretary