

MINUTES OF MEETING
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
JUNE 16, 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, Ms. Sharon Scott, Mr. Barry Helms, and Mr. John Boyer. Mr. Dwyn Taylor was absent. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Joe Levine, NRRRA Executive Director, and Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator. Authority Counsel Mr. Paul Jacobson participated by telephone during the first portion of the meeting.

A public hearing on amended rates for FY 25/26 was first on the agenda. Mr. Fijalkowski opened the public hearing on the amended 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. Mr. Cummins amended the agenda. He asked that two items under administration, Item C. RDS Discussion and Item D. Sun Tribe Discussion, be moved to after the agenda. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the agenda change. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The RDS Discussion was held next. Mr. Cummins informed the Board that RDS is in the process of selling their company to Third Capital Inc. This action will create a new company called Tomorrow Recycling LLC. Under this arrangement, Mr. Joe Benedetto will still manage and run the Salem facility, which is where the Authority sends single stream recyclables. RDS will own 20% of the company. Mr. Cummins stated RDS will be able to increase the number of managed locations and increase capital so they can invest more in modern technology. All current prices and agreements the Authority has with RDS will remain the same. Mr. Jacobson said the Authority received a "Consent to Assign" giving consent to the sale. He recommended the Board allow Mr. Cummins to sign the "Consent to Assign" for MRSWA. Ms. Scott moved acceptance of the new company and to allow Mr. Cummins to sign the "Consent to Assign". Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next, a Sun Tribe Discussion was held. Mr. Cummins said he received an email from Sun Tribe that TerraForm Power, an affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management, acquired Sun Tribe in May. He added the current agreement the Authority has with Sun Tribe will remain the same. The acquisition will help Sun Tribe with financial and technical backing. Mr. Cummins explained that since this was an acquisition of the company and the Authority's agreement stays the same, there was nothing the Authority could do. Some Board members stated the fact that Sun Tribe being a Virginia company was a contributing factor in selecting them for the solar project. Mr. Jacobson added that with legislative changes, solar projects are becoming more difficult to accomplish. He said once solar projects are completed some are sold at that point, and since the MRSWA project has not even started there is no issue.

At this point, the other consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the May 15, 2025, minutes. Mr. Cummins reported expenses for May were 5.2% below projections and there were no transfers made. He referenced a Diebold invoice for repairs to the outbound scale drawer caused by a hauler, a Farmers Mulch invoice for 1,400 tons of brush grinding, a MXI invoice for the HHW event held in April and a Comfort Systems invoice for yearly HVAC maintenance. Ms. Scott

questioned the “add back into” item and Mr. Cummins explained that was reimbursement from the company that caused the scale drawer damage. The May financial statement was presented 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 were reviewed. Mr. Cummins said solid waste tonnage in May totaled 8,392 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 80,111 tons. This is 610 tons more than last year and 8,629 tons above budget projections. Mr. Cummins added that Meridian brought in 900 tons in May. Of this, 807 tons were municipal solid waste, and 93 tons was construction debris. Ms. Scott mentioned that Mr. Cummins could contact the Board of Realtors and Homeowners Associations to see if they would bring construction debris to MRSWA in support of local business.

Recycling tonnages in May were 531 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 5,614 tons. This is 111 tons less than last year and 23 tons above budget projections. The monthly rejection rate was 0%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .045%. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing decreased to \$82.78 per ton.

Revenues for May were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 11.86% above projections. A \$10,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. The recycling profit loss report showed revenues exceeded expenses by \$872.00. Fiscal year to date expenses are more than revenues by \$26,659 and the recycling position is \$77,073.

Next on the agenda was the Amended FY 25/26 Budget Discussion. Mr. Cummins presented the Board the amended budget with adjustments highlighted in yellow. Hearing no questions, Mr. Fijalkowski asked for a motion to approve the amended rates and budget. Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the amended rates and budget. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cummins reported on a VRSA Inspection. He said Ed Shelton with the Virginia Risk Sharing Association came onsite recently to perform a safety inspection. Mr. Cummins said he likes to have Mr. Shelton perform a safety inspection at the Authority every 5 years. The only items mentioned in the safety report were minor and easily fixed. Mr. Boyer added the Town of Blacksburg also has Mr. Shelton help them with safety items. Ms. Scott thanked Mr. Cummins for keeping the workers safe.

Mr. Cummins also discussed the Grinding Services Agreement. He said multiple quotes were acquired. Two companies had the same price of \$25.00 per ton to grind brush. However, Timberland Mulch and Farms did not charge a mobilization fee. All of their references also came back with high regards. He recommended the Board approve the 1-year service agreement which has two, 1-year extensions. Timberland Mulch and Farms is based in Ferrum, Va. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the grinding services agreement. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Levine gave the NRRA report. He said NRRA’s next Board meeting will be July 23. Ms. Scott will attend in Mr. Fijalkowski’s place.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, it was noted that Ms. Scott will run the July 15 Board meeting since Mr. Fijalkowski will be away.

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

Accepted:

MRSWA Chair

Date

MRSWA Secretary