

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**January 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. Present were Authority Board members Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Mr. Barry Helms, and Mr. John Boyer. Mr. Taylor was absent, and Ms. Scott participated by speaker phone. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Joe Levine, NRRA Executive Director, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Ms. Scott explained that she was unable to attend the meeting in person because she was out of town. She requested to be allowed to participate and vote in the meeting by speaker phone. Mr. Helms moved that Ms. Scott be allowed to participate and vote in the meeting per speaker phone per the Authority's electronic communication policy guidelines. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next was the Election of MRSWA Board Officers for 2025. Mr. Cummins opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Helms nominated Mr. Fijalkowski and moved to elect him as Chair. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Nominations for Vice Chair were taken next. Mr. Boyer nominated Ms. Scott and moved to elect her as Vice Chair. The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Boyer nominated Mr. Helms and moved to elect him as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Helms moved to close the nominations and approve the Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer representatives. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent items were reviewed. No changes were made to the agenda. There were no changes made to the December 19, 2024 minutes. Mr. Cummins' reported expenses were 2.08% below projections and a \$100,000 transfer was made into reserve funds. He reviewed several VRSA invoices. These were quarterly payments for workers' compensation, vehicle insurance, and property insurance. The MC3 invoices in the solid waste department were for repair of the transfer station exit caused by a Waste Management Driver. Waste Management's insurance company reimbursed the Authority for the repair. The LaBella Associates invoice was for sampling and groundwater monitoring. The December financials were presented for informational purposes. Mr. Boyer 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 tonnages in December totaled 5,713 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 42,320. This is 505 tons more than last year. Mr. Cummins added that Meridian brought in 97 tons of construction debris and 600 tons of municipal solid waste. These figures were lower than in any month in 2024. In response and as a reminder, Mr. Paul Jacobson Authority Counsel, and Mr. Cummins worked on a letter to send to all haulers letting them know that as of February 11 (Montgomery County) and March 11 (Town of Blacksburg), all municipal solid waste (MSW) must come to MRSWA. Violation of the requirement to deliver 100% of such MSW to MRSWA could result in a revocation of the haulers permit. Mr. Cummins said this letter was sent to the attorneys for the Town of Blacksburg and Montgomery County for their review and if they so wish, their use. Mr. Boyer said the town will be sending letters to haulers, so they will have enough notice.

Recycling tonnages in December were 517 tons bringing the fiscal year total to 3,158. This is 42 tons higher than last year. The monthly rejection rate was 0%, bringing the fiscal year rejection rate to .07%. Mr. Cummins said single stream commodity pricing slightly increased to \$85.94 per ton in January. Mr. Boyer asked if glass could be reused as construction material. Mr. Cummins said RDS, MRSWA's single stream processor, had worked with DEQ on using glass as a subgrade material, but DEQ would never approve it.

Revenues for December were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 6.82% above projections and a \$13,810 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment and a computer replacement for the transfer station. The recycling profit loss report showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,145. Fiscal year to date expenses is ahead of revenues by \$4,036 and the recycling position is \$54,739.

Next on the agenda was the Budget Process for FY 25/26. Mr. Cummins said the process would work the same as previous years, if the Board approved, and he then asked what date would work for Board members to begin budget discussions. Both Monday, February 24, and Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am were selected. Mr. Cummins said he would contact Mr. Taylor to see which of these days would work best with his schedule.

The VDEQ Inspections were reviewed next. Mr. Cummins said VDEQ's inspector was on site December 9, 2024, and he inspected the transfer station as well as the tire facility. He received a letter of no violations from VDEQ on December 20, 2024.

Mr. Levine gave the NRRA report. He said Mr. Fijalkowski was elected the NRRA Chair for 2025. Mr. Starnes was elected as the Vice Chair and Mr. Compton was elected as the Secretary. He stated NRRA will be having fee increases. Mr. Levine said this was only the second time in 17 years that fees would be increased. He attributed the increase to decreased tonnage and inflation. He also reported that NRRA would not be receiving anymore storm debris from Claytor Lake.

There were no public comments.

There were no Board comments.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on February 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center Building conference room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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MRSWA Chair

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MRSWA Secretary