

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**  
**May 21, 2026**

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 participated through Zoom. Also present were Mr. Alan Cummins, MRSWA Executive Director, Mr. Isaac Wall, NRRRA Manager Assistant, and Ms. Kim Stafford, MRSWA Administrative Coordinator.

Mr. Taylor explained that he was unable to attend the meeting in person because he was out of state on vacation. He requested to be allowed to participate and vote in the meeting by Zoom. Ms. Scott made a motion to approve Mr. Taylor's participation and vote in the meeting per the Authority's electronic communication policy. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent items were reviewed. There were no changes made to the agenda and no changes made to the minutes of the April 16, 2026, MRSWA Board meeting. Next, Mr. Cummins' reported expenses were 3.85% below projections and no transfer was made into the reserve account. He noted an invoice for MXI Environmental Services for the HHW event held in April, an invoice for Carter Machinery for an excavator engine rebuild, an invoice for joining the Home Builder's Association and an invoice for new lights in the recycling facility. Ms. Scott asked about the Express Employment invoices and Mr. Cummins said temporary workers are used to help on tires days whenever needed. She also asked about Virginia Media invoices and those are for newspaper ads for the Authority's public hearings on rates and budget. Virginia Media is also used to advertise buyback pricing. The April 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 tonnage in April totaled 7,948 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 70,976 tons. This is 741 tons less than last fiscal year but 3,997 tons over budgeted tonnages. Mr. Cummins said Meridian brought in 679 tons of municipal solid waste and 237 tons of construction debris.

Recycling tonnages in April were 496 tons, bringing the fiscal year total to 4,784 tons. This is 299 tons less than last fiscal year and 397 tons below budgeted tonnages. Single stream commodity pricing increased to \$78.34 per ton. The single stream rejection rate was .36% for the month and the fiscal year rate was .05%.

Revenues for April were discussed. Mr. Cummins stated revenues were 1.74% above projections. He said a \$10,491 transfer was made for the monthly front loader payment. The recycling profit-loss report showed expenses exceeded revenues by \$40,106. For the year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$122,948. This brought the recycling position to a \$33,389 loss.

Next, the Household Hazardous Waste was reviewed. The event was held April 11, and Mr. Cummins said 6.07 tons of material were brought to the facility. The three highest volume materials brought in were oil-based paint, liquid pesticides, and latex paint. He added that the Authority's next HHW event will be held November 7.

Single Stream recycling was discussed. Mr. Cummins presented the Board with information on additional materials that can now be recycled in single stream. These items include gable top cartons, aseptic cartons, #5 plastic bottles and jugs, and #1, #2 and #5 clamshells containers. Examples were provided for each category and are listed on the MRSWA website. Mr. Boyer asked if there was a change in technology that allows for these items to be recycled now. Mr. Cummins confirmed that Tomorrow Recycling (formerly RDS) said new robotics are being utilized. Mr. Taylor asked how these changes would be communicated to the public. Mr. Cummins said the information has already been added to the MRSWA website and all jurisdictions have been informed. He says he has been including the changes in tours and presentations he has had recently.

The 2025 Recycling Rate Report was reviewed. Mr. Cummins said the report was submitted to VDEQ on April 30, 2026, with a calculated recycling rate of 33.7%. This rate exceeds the state mandated 25%. He told the Board he would inform them when he hears from VDEQ on approval.

The NRRA report was given by Mr. Wall. He said the NRRA Board meet April 22 and their next HHW event will be August 1. He added they had submitted their recycling rate report also with a 30.3% rate reported. Mr. Fijalkowski spoke about two proposals that NRRA has been trying to pass with all their member jurisdictions. One is a Patrick County agreement, which was not approved by Pulaski County. The other is an emergency agreement with Tazewell County. He said that Pulaski County and Dublin have not acted on this agreement. Both agreements would increase NRRA tonnages so fees could remain stable.

There were no public comments.

In Board comments, Mr. Fijalkowski gave Mr. Cummins a copy of the article about Mr. Cummins and his 20 years of service to the Authority that appeared in the News Messenger and that another article was to appear in the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Mr. Fijalkowski also said he would like to have a few closed sessions in upcoming Board meetings. The Board then agreed to a closed session at the August Board meeting to discuss “MRSWA revenue” and a closed session at the October Board meeting to discuss “Executive Director compensation”.

Board members unanimously agreed that the next regular monthly meeting of the Authority Board would take place on June 18, 2026, 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