



RIVANNA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
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RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Mr. Mike Gaffney – presiding, Ms. Kathy Galvin, Mr. Trevor Henry, Mr. Maurice Jones, Mr. Paul Oberdorfer, Dr. Liz Palmer and Mr. Jeff Richardson.

Board Members Absent: None.

Ms. Galvin arrived at 2:09 p.m. Mr. Gaffney left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Mr. Mark Brownlee, Mr. Tim Castillo, Mr. Kenny Lawhorne, Mr. Bill Mawyer, Ms. Katie McIlwee, Mr. Philip McKalips, Mr. Bill Morris, Ms. Teresa Napier, Ms. Betsy Nemeth, Mr. David Rhodes, Ms. Michelle Simpson, Ms. Andrea Terry, Mr. David Tungate, Ms. Jennifer Whitaker, and Mr. Lonnie Wood.

Also Present: Mr. Kurt Krueger – RSWA Counsel, members of the public, and media representatives.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gaffney called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of May 22, 2018

There were no changes to the minutes.

Dr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the RSWA May 22, 2018 meeting as presented. Mr. Henry seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-1. Mr. Jones abstained from the vote as he was not present at the May 22, 2018 meeting. Ms. Galvin had not yet arrived and was absent from the vote.

3. RECOGNITION

42 Mr. Mawyer reported that Philip McKalips had been selected as the new Director of Solid
43 Waste, having served for three years as Rivanna's safety and environmental manager.

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45 **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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47 Mr. Mawyer reported that Rivanna was making good progress on the transfer and recycling
48 station and was hopeful for an August or September opening. He reported that the electronic
49 waste recycling day had been advertised on June 24, with instructions for the public to make
50 reservations with Rivanna beginning June 25; as of noon on June 26, there were 178 reservations
51 of the 350 available slots.

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53 Mr. Mawyer noted that at the County's request, Rivanna had participated in accepting storm-
54 related debris at the landfill and taken in about 76 tons of vegetative debris from 181 customers,
55 who disposed of an average of 840 pounds each.

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57 **5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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59 Mr. Gaffney invited items from the public.

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61 There being none offered, the agenda item was closed.

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63 **6. RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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65 There were no responses to public comments for this month.

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67 **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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a. Staff Report on Finance

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70 *b. Staff Report on Ivy Material Utilization*

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72 *c. Staff Report on Ivy Landfill Environmental*

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74 *d. Staff Report on Ongoing Projects*

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76 **Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Dr. Palmer seconded the motion,**
77 **which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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79 **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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a. Presentation: Recycling at the McIntire Recycling Center

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82 Mr. McKalips reported that at the February board meeting, the RSWA Board had authorized
83 staff to enter into a contract with Arcadis to develop a master plan for the Ivy MUC, and part of
84 that plan would include looking at recyclables and making recommendations as to what could be
85 recycled and how it might be done differently. He stated that to help inform this approach, staff
86 felt it was helpful to consider what was happening at McIntire today.

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88 Mr. McKalips stated that there had been a lot of interest in this locally, stating that China has
89 been a big player in recycling in the U.S. – having received about a third of America’s recycling
90 each year. He noted that this had been decreasing, and China had set up legislation in 2013 to
91 reduce the receipt of recycling under “Greenfence,” which they began implementing in Fall
92 2017. Mr. McKalips stated that they banned some materials and put very stringent limits on
93 contamination of others, and all of this combined had created a glut in the recyclables market.
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95 Mr. McKalips explained that most people recycled because they felt it was the good
96 environmental thing to do, but if you picture them as products it provides a different perspective.
97 He stated that there are good relationships locally with manufacturers in the Mid-Atlantic, which
98 allowed Rivanna to continue having a source for things to go – although the global market was
99 impacting the price offered for those materials. Mr. McKalips stated that McIntire accepts
100 aluminum beverage cans, which were separated from regular cans because of their value; #2 and
101 #4 plastic bags, including grocery bags but also Ziploc bags; and compostable food waste.
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103 Mr. McKalips reported that metal products went to Gerdau, which had a local office, and then
104 onto their sort facility to break it down into steel, aluminum, etc. Sonoco accepts corrugated
105 products and other products. Plastic materials 1-7 went to a sort and material recovery facility in
106 Raleigh, and glass bottles and jars were not particular sought after but were accepted by Strategic
107 Materials of North Carolina, which ran them through an optical sorter and turned them back into
108 containers. He stated that office paper products went to a mill in Virginia, where they were
109 turned into paper towels and toilet papers; newsprint went to a mill in North Carolina, along with
110 telephone books and hard and softbound books.
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112 Mr. McKalips stated that there was a good demand for #1 and #2 plastics domestically in the
113 U.S.; #3 through #7 plastics did not have a good established market, so they needed to consider
114 whether they should be collected if they weren’t being recycled. He noted they also needed to
115 focus on value, which can be done by reducing contamination – as many people dispose of
116 things into the wrong containers. Mr. McKalips noted that he had read a study that indicated that
117 87% of people did “wish cycling” whereby they put unrecyclable items in a bin in hopes they
118 would get recycled – but that could spoil an entire load of recycling. He presented an image
119 showing a mixed plastics compactor, noting the presence of bubble wrap and blue storage
120 containers in the container. Mr. McKalips also noted the presence of plastic bags and aluminum
121 foil trays in the aluminum bin, which reduced the value of the load.
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123 Ms. Galvin asked if there was signage around the bins.
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125 Mr. McKalips responded that there were lots of signs, which had been changed periodically in an
126 attempt to inform people, but the solution to the mistakes was going to be education.
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128 Dr. Palmer commented that a lot of different signage had been tried, and the sign that included
129 everything that could go in the bins had been replaced.
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131 Mr. McKalips reported that staff was working towards a master plan, which would be
132 preliminarily presented to the board in August, with plans for Ivy included, and hopefully would
133 be finalized as a plan in November. He stated that he would like to work on commercial interests

134 with recycling products to make them cleaner and add value to them, such as bailing cardboard
135 and trucking to make it easy on the commercial buyer.

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137 Dr. Palmer noted that the County had a solid waste committee, which was charged with
138 education, and they had recently been paid to do a public service announcement (PSA) that
139 informed the public as to what they could do but did not address the contamination issue. She
140 stated that she was interested in moving that committee and its educational aspects to be a
141 Rivanna committee, because the City and County needed to be involved – particularly with
142 recycling. Dr. Palmer noted there was a big debate in the recycling community as to whether to
143 continue to pick things up if they weren't being recycling, but her feeling was that they should
144 continue picking up things that could be totally recycled. She added that the solid waste
145 committee had been instrumental in informing the Board of Supervisors as to the needs of the
146 community to get the new transfer station funded, and the City's representatives could inform
147 City Council to have this become a collaborative effort.

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149 Ms. Galvin noted that Paul Oberdorfer was the City's representative on the committee.

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151 Mr. Oberdorder stated that his perspective was that with the good things happening in regional
152 collection, there should be alignment with education – either in the City or outside of it – and it
153 was important to have a unified message rather than having it broken down by audience.

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155 Mr. Mawyer noted that the Rivanna charter talked about having a technical advisory committee
156 comprised of representatives from both, to provide feedback, education, etc. – and going back to
157 that TAC committee might be something to consider.

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159 Dr. Palmer commented that the TAC committee in the County was highly professional,
160 comprised of people who knew a lot about recycling.

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162 Ms. Galvin noted that the TAC would work out the logistics of an aligned public education
163 campaign and would include City and County representatives, with Rivanna board members
164 returning to Council and the Board with that information.

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166 Dr. Palmer stated that the County's committee provided reports every six months to the Board of
167 Supervisors and came before the Board about once a year.

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169 Mr. Jones commented that this made a lot of sense, and he would like to see who comprised that
170 committee in the past.

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172 Mr. Krueger pointed out that it was a Citizens Advisory Committee, not a Technical Advisory
173 Committee, and the RSWA's charter provided for the committee's appointment. He noted that
174 because it is a committee of the authority, it would be a public body and would have to keep
175 minutes, be subject to FOIA, advertise its meetings, etc.

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177 Mr. Jones asked if it made sense to put this on an upcoming agenda for consideration.

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179 Dr. Palmer noted that she would like to, and in the meantime they could have more discussion.
180 She stated that they would also want to see how the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee
181 would dovetail into this, as that committee had worked hard on getting things going and getting
182 the Board comfortable with their recommendations.

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184 Ms. Galvin stated that she would like to know how the City would get members on this.

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186 Mr. Krueger noted that the purpose of the County's committee was much broader than the
187 limited purpose as discussed for the new committee, and the question would be whether to
188 morph them together or keep them on parallel tracks, with Rivanna's focus being education.

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190 Dr. Palmer pointed out that the County SWAC's primary purpose was intended to be education,
191 and they were trying to evolve.

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193 Mr. McKalips commented that whatever they did, they would want to keep those valuable people
194 in the mix.

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196 Mr. Mawyer noted the charter indicated that there would be three members from the City, three
197 members from the County, and two from the University – all appointed – as well as a ninth
198 member to be appointed; and they would all serve two-year terms.

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200 Mr. Krueger noted that the Board had the power to broaden or reduce the scope as they saw fit.

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202 Ms. Galvin stated that she had been receiving questions about the Chinese pulling out of the
203 recycling market, so this was a timely discussion.

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205 Mr. McKalips noted that if a big pile of unrecycled material that was going unused, someone
206 would figure out how to use it and create a business around it.

207 **9. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD/STAFF NOT ON AGENDA**

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209 There were none presented.

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211 **10. CLOSED MEETING**

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213 **At 2:31 p.m., Mr. Jones moved to recess the RSWA meeting. Mr. Oberdorfer seconded the**
214 **motion, which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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216 **At 3:55 p.m., Mr. Jones moved to reconvene the RSWA meeting. Ms. Galvin seconded the**
217 **motion, which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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219 There was a joint closed meeting held with the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority.

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221 Mr. Krueger read the following resolution into the record:
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223 RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority enter into
224 a joint closed meeting with the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority Board to discuss
225 confidential personnel matters as permitted by Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia.
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227 **Mr. Jones moved to adopt a resolution to enter the joint closed session. Mr. Oberdorfer**
228 **seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (7-0).**

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230 **The board entered a closed meeting at 3:55 p.m.**

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232 Mr. Krueger read the following resolution into the record:
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234 WHEREAS, the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority has convened a joint closed meeting
235 with the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded
236 vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and
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238 WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the
239 Rivanna Solid Waste Authority that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with
240 Virginia law;
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242 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority
243 hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters
244 lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the
245 executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, (ii) only such public business
246 matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or
247 considered by the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority.
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249 **Mr. Jones moved to adopt a resolution for the RSWA to reenter an open meeting. Mr.**
250 **Henry seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Mr. Gaffney had left the meeting and was**
251 **not present for the vote.**

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253 **The board reentered into an open meeting at 4:36 p.m.**

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255 **Dr. Palmer moved for the RSSA to authorize a 5% raise for Mr. Mawyer, bringing his**
256 **annual salary from \$183,712 to \$192,897.60, and will also reimburse \$1,950 for**
257 **taxes imposed on a prior moving expense reimbursement. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion,**
258 **which passed 6-0. Mr. Gaffney had left the meeting and was not present for the vote.¹**


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260 ***11. ADJOURNMENT***

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262 **Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the RSWA Board meeting. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion,**
263 **which passed 6-0. Mr. Gaffney had left the meeting and was not present for the vote.**

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265 **The RSWA Board adjourned its meeting at 4:40 p.m.**
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¹ Editors Note: Mr. Mawyer's entire salary is paid by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, and the portion of his time allocated to RSWA is reimbursed by RSWA to RWSA.

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Mr. Mike Murphy
Secretary - Treasurer