



RSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 23, 2021

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Mike Gaffney, Chip Boyles, Dr. Liz Palmer, Jeff Richardson, Lance Stewart, David Brown.

Board Members Absent: Lloyd Snook.

Rivanna Staff Present: Bill Mawyer, Katie McIlwee, Lonnie Wood, Jennifer Whitaker, Phil McKalips, David Tungate, John Hull.

Attorney(s) Present: Carrie Stanton, Valerie Long.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gaffney convened the March 23, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority at 2:00 p.m.

2. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Gaffney read the following statement aloud: “Notwithstanding any provision in our Bylaws to the contrary, as permitted under the City of Charlottesville’s Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted on March 25, 2020, Albemarle County’s Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted on April 15th, 2020, and revised effective October 1, 2020 and Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Acts of the Virginia Assembly effective April 24, 2020, we are holding this meeting by real time electronic means with no board member physically present at a single, central location.

“All board members are participating electronically. This meeting is being held pursuant to the second resolution of the City’s Continuity of Government Ordinance and Section 6 of the County’s revised Continuity of Government Ordinance. All board members will identify themselves and state their physical location by electronic means during the roll call which we will hold next.

“I note for the record that the public has real time audio-visual access to this meeting over Zoom as provided in the lawfully posted meeting notice and real time audio access over telephone, which is also contained in the notice. The public is always invited to send questions, comments, and suggestions to the Board through Bill Mawyer, the Authority’s Executive Director, at any time.”

Mr. Gaffney called the roll.

Mr. Chip Boyles stated he was located at 605 East Main Street, Charlottesville.

Mr. David Brown stated he was located at 305 Fourth Street Northwest in Charlottesville, VA.

Dr. Liz Palmer stated she was located at her home address of 2958 Mechum Banks Drive in Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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49 Mr. Jeff Richardson stated he was attending from 401 McIntire Road (the Albemarle County
50 Administration Building) in Charlottesville.
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52 Mr. Lloyd Snook was not present.
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54 Mr. Lance Stewart stated he was located at 401 McIntire Road in Charlottesville.
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56 Mr. Mike Gaffney stated he was located at 3180 Dundee Road in Earlysville, VA.
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58 Mr. Gaffney stated the following Authority staff members were joining the meeting electronically:
59 Bill Mawyer, Lonnie Wood, Phil McKalips, Jennifer Whitaker, John Hull, and Katie McIlwee.
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61 Mr. Gaffney stated they were also joined electronically by Ms. Carrie Stanton, Counsel to the
62 Authority.

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64 **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING**

65 *a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Board on January 26, 2021*

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67 Dr. Palmer stated she made a few non-substantive corrections to the minutes and would move to
68 approve the minutes with those corrections.

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70 Mr. Gaffney asked Ms. Stanton if the board needed to identify what those corrections were before
71 voting on them.

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73 Ms. Stanton asked Dr. Palmer if those had been circulated.

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75 Dr. Palmer replied that she provided them to Ms. McIlwee.

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77 Ms. McIlwee stated Ms. Palmer's name was spelled incorrectly on the minutes.

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79 Dr. Palmer stated there was one other typo she sent Ms. McIlwee.

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81 Ms. McIlwee stated this was on line 334, which had a spelling mistake and typo where it should
82 have stated "Rivanna Overview."

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84 Ms. Stanton stated she believed that with this information, the board could move forward.

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86 **Dr. Palmer moved that the board approve the minutes of the previous board meeting as**
87 **amended. She was seconded by Mr. Richardson, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).**
88 **(Mr. Snook was absent.)**

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90 **4. RECOGNITION**

91 There were no recognitions.

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93 **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

94 Mr. Bill Mawyer, Executive Director, stated business continues to be strong at the Ivy MUC. He
95 stated in January, they processed about 129 tons per day thru the transfer station. He stated in

96 February, this went up to about 134 tons per day. He stated they were having 3,400 to 5,000
97 vehicles per month coming through the Ivy MUC.
98 Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna is currently talking with the County about constructing a Convenience
99 Center in southern Albemarle County, located in Keene, and he is working with Mr. Stewart on the
100 project. The County would like Rivanna to construct and operate a Convenience Center in Keene.
101 He stated this facility would be similar to the one at Ivy.
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103 Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna's Safety Manager recently hosted a regional safety meeting in which
104 they are trying to learn from other safety professionals in the area. He stated there were
105 representatives from Albemarle County Service Authority, Augusta and Louisa Counties, and the
106 Charlottesville Utilities Department participated as well.
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108 Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna is doing well with COVID vaccinations in Solid Waste. He stated about
109 67% of their employees asked for a vaccine, and 100% of those employees have received one or
110 more vaccine. He stated Solid Waste is one of the most public interacting groups at Rivanna, so it
111 was good to get most of those individuals vaccinated.
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113 Mr. Mawyer stated they are at the cusp of the spring Bulky Waste Amnesty Days. He stated the
114 Electronic Waste Collection Day at the Ivy MUC will be April 24, and signups will start at 8:00
115 a.m. on March 31. He stated there is also the Commercial Hazardous Waste Collection program on
116 Thursday, April 29, and registration needs to happen by April 22. He stated Household Hazardous
117 Waste will take place Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He stated
118 this information can be found on Rivanna's website.
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120 Mr. Gaffney stated he was looking at the number of vehicles and the amount of material coming in
121 to the transfer station, and he saw that last year, there was a peak of 134 tons per day and they are
122 starting out much higher this year. He asked if the limit is still 150 tons per day.
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124 Mr. Mawyer replied that the permit allows a maximum of 300 tons per day.
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126 Mr. Gaffney asked if this had been adjusted.
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128 Mr. Mawyer replied yes. He stated it is 300 tons, and they did hit a 240- 250-ton day for one day
129 last summer. He stated the average is in the mid-100s, so they have capacity on the average daily
130 tonnage.
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132 **6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

133 Mr. Gaffney opened Items From the Public. He asked Mr. Hull if there was anyone from the public
134 who wished to speak.
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136 Mr. Hull replied that there was not.
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138 Mr. Gaffney closed Items From the Public.
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140 **7. RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

141 As there were no items from the public, there were no responses.
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143 **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

144 *a. Staff Report on Finance*

145 *b. Staff Report on Ivy Material Utilization Center/Recycling Operations Update*

146 **Dr. Palmer moved that the board approve the consent agenda. She was seconded by Mr.**
147 **Brown, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0). (Mr. Snook was absent.)**

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150 **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

151 *a. Presentation: Ivy MUC Solar Energy Project Update, Director of Solid Waste, Phil McKalips*
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153 Mr. McKalips stated the project first started in 2017, when Rivanna was approached by a solar
154 developer who was interested in constructing a solar energy facility on top of one of the closed
155 landfill cells out at Ivy. He stated their intention was to participate in a series of Requests for
156 Proposal that were being advertised by Dominion Energy. He stated Rivanna had an expectation
157 that this would occur sometime during 2018, but the underlying legislation was not signed until
158 April of 2020 by the Virginia Legislature, which set up a program where Dominion Energy and
159 Appalachian Power need to develop 16,000 megawatts of solar and windfarm energy.

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161 Mr. McKalips stated this legislation started the process, and Rivanna found out about a month ago
162 that their project has been selected by Dominion for the program, which they are excited about.

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164 Mr. McKalips presented an aerial photograph of the site. He stated the solar facilities will be located
165 on Cell 2 unlined, which was primarily a construction demolition debris landfill cell. He stated the
166 advantages of it are that it is southward facing. He stated it also has a very general slope and
167 because it is largely filled with construction demolition debris, they do not have settlement issues.

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169 Mr. McKalips stated the developer is currently starting to undertake permitting with DEQ. He noted
170 this will not penetrate the cap of that landfill cell. He stated it will all be built on top of it, on big
171 concrete blocks.

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173 Mr. McKalips stated for background, the developer came to Rivanna in 2017, and they are finally
174 getting ready to go with the project. He stated it is about 12 acres in size and presented an aerial
175 mockup of what the site will look like.

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177 Mr. McKalips stated Rivanna has already reached out to neighbors in the area and received positive
178 feedback through speaking with them. He stated that with the tree buffer, the site will not be very
179 visible from the neighbors. He stated there would be some view of the facilities from the property to
180 the east, and perhaps a little from those people who are across the street. He stated there is some
181 mechanical or electronic noise associated with the transformers, but he believes that those will not
182 really be audible anywhere near the property boundary, and it will be more like a low hum one
183 would hear.

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185 Mr. McKalips presented a slide outlining where they hope to go from here. He stated Dominion has
186 stated it will take them 12 months to execute interconnect agreements, where they have some due
187 diligence in line capacity studies and many things they need to do on their end. He stated Dominion
188 is also going to develop a Power Purchase Agreement with Community Power Group, the vendor.
189 He stated unlike some of the projects that are selected by Dominion, Dominion has chosen not to
190 own this project or buy the property, presumably because it is on a landfill cell, and they do not
191 want to be involved in the lease of the actual landfill cell. He stated this is fine, and it is all within
192 Rivanna's lease with Community Power Group.

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194 Mr. McKalips stated construction of the site would begin in spring of 2022 and end by late summer
195 or early fall of that same year. He stated hopefully, in a year and a half, Community Power will be
196 generating solar electric power on the IMUC site. He stated in the lease, they are going to be paid
197 \$800 per acre per year, which is expected to be about a 12-acre development, which is \$9,600 per
198 year.

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200 Mr. McKalips stated there is a possibility of later adding 1 megawatt (a 50% increase) if Dominion
201 seems to think this would be advantageous. He asked the board if they had any questions.

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203 Dr. Palmer asked if the construction and demolition cell was closed because it was filled.

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205 Mr. McKalips replied yes.

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207 Mr. Gaffney stated he knew his question was an aside and asked if there was any thought as to
208 people coming to visit Rivanna to look at the solar array.

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210 Mr. McKalips replied that he would do outreach to the community, and would be happy to host
211 those interested in the project.

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213 Mr. McKalips presented a picture of the detail of how this would be set on the landfill cell. He
214 stated also pictured on the slide was another project that Community Power Group completed on a
215 landfill.

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217 Mr. Brown asked about mowing and maintenance of the area.

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219 Mr. McKalips replied this is the responsibility of Community Power Group.

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221 Mr. Brown stated the County has a Climate Action Plan, and the City is in the process of
222 developing one. He stated this type of project would be applicable in getting credit towards that. He
223 asked if there has been any discussion related to that, since it is providing power through a solar grid
224 and enables credit to be given for a carbon reduction.

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226 Mr. McKalips replied that as part of this program (and presumably, part of the underlying
227 legislation), Dominion is taking all of the renewable energy credits and green energy credits for this
228 development. He stated Rivanna will not have those to trade or assign elsewhere.

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230 Mr. Brown stated he understood, but if something is being implemented in the County and both
231 entities are participating, there may be a means for which they can apply that to the plans.

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233 Mr. McKalips agreed.

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235 Mr. Mawyer noted that Community Power Group has applied for a special use permit from the
236 County, as this project does require approval.

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238 Mr. Stewart stated he had a question or perhaps a suggestion. He stated he has read several articles
239 lately about solar farms planting the of pollinator-friendly vegetation underneath and around them,
240 which serves the dual-purpose of being a solar farm and a pollinator farm, which helps crops grow
241 for farmers. He stated if this has not been considered, he would be interested in talking more with
242 Rivanna about how that could work.

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Mr. McKalips stated this would be interesting. He stated the only thing that came to mind is that these are permitted landfill caps, so they would have to pull in DEQ to see if this is an acceptable cover material for the caps. He stated if they were stable and low-maintenance, he is sure Community Power Group would be thrilled for that.

Dr. Palmer stated Mr. Stewart had a wonderful idea. She stated there is a different mowing schedule as well, which would have to be taken into consideration, and there is usually less mowing in the spring.

Dr. Palmer asked Mr. McKalips if he knew how much the energy credits were worth and what Dominion is getting for that.

Mr. McKalips replied that he did not know what the energy credit is on the marketplace. He stated he could probably find this out by asking the vendor.

Dr. Palmer stated she thinks it would be curious for the board to know this, with the County and the City doing more of these projects, so that people do not forget that this is a negotiable item. She stated clearly, it may be not in this particular case, but it often is, so she wants everyone to be aware of it, going forward, for other projects.

b. Presentation: Introduction of the FY 2021-2022 Budget, Executive Director, Bill Mawyer

Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna is excited for the upcoming year and is proposing an estimated expense budget of \$5.437 million. He stated this is an increase of about \$285,000 over FY 21, and is a 5.5% increase in expenses.

Mr. Mawyer stated there is also an estimated \$2.58 million in revenue, which they expect to be about \$170,000 greater than FY 21, largely due to the increase in tonnage through the transfer station. He stated when they net revenue and expenses, expenses exceed revenue by about \$2.8 million, which is a \$115,000 increase over the net difference in FY 21, about a 4% increase .

Mr. Mawyer stated the County, City, and UVA contribute to Rivanna’s programs for FY 22. He stated they are proposing that the County contribute \$2.27 million, which is \$262,000 greater than FY 21, or a 13% increase; the City would contribute \$499,000, which is a 12% increase over FY 21; and UVA, in the Environmental Cost Center, is committed to paying \$79,982 – a fixed amount for 30 years.

Mr. Mawyer stated when Rivanna estimates these costs, it is Mr. Lonnie Wood and his staff keeping track of all of the agreements that have been made over the years and providing the basis for how the costs are allocated to the different programs in Solid Waste. He stated he would give the board a history of these agreements, noting that many board members are familiar with these agreements, but this may benefit some of the newer board members.

Mr. Mawyer stated the RSWA was formed in 1990 with the Solid Waste Organizational Agreement, or what one might call the “three-party agreement” between the City, County, and Rivanna Solid Waste. He stated in 2000, after much litigation with neighbors, there was a settlement agreement and release with the neighbors about the IMUC, which stated landfilling would cease there, but they could continue some of the existing programs .

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Mr. Mawyer stated in 2005, the City, County, and Rivanna, along with UVA, crafted an Environmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which stated that since all the landfill cells were closed and in a 30-year post-closure period required by DEQ, They decided how much each party would pay for this post-closure period.

Mr. Mawyer stated in 2007, the City, County, and Rivanna entered a Local Government Support Agreement, which addressed how the other programs at the Ivy MUC were going to be funded. He stated this was the beginning of when the City started having its own curbside refuse collection program, which went on for three years. He stated in 2010, there was the First Amendment to the Local Government Support Agreement, and in that Amendment, the City, County, and Rivanna, agreed that the City and County would no longer be required to support Rivanna after December 31, 2010. He stated he would call this the darkest moment for the Rivanna Authority he has seen in its history. He stated in this agreement, the City was allowed to have its own curbside refuse collection program.

Mr. Mawyer stated in 2011, the City, County, and Rivanna developed the Local Government Support Agreement for Recycling Programs. He stated the City, County, and Rivanna agreed they would still have recycling programs at McIntire and at the Paper Sort, and costs would be allocated as stated in the Agreement.

Mr. Mawyer stated similarly, the County and Rivanna crafted the Ivy MUC Programs Agreement, which essentially was the County saying they wanted to continue to have the programs at Ivy such as refuse transfer, mulch, vegetative debris, and all the programs they continue to have now. He stated there was an agreement between the County and Rivanna on how that would be funded, which was then amended in 2016, when the County asked Rivanna to design and build the transfer station. He stated this was a change to the programs at Ivy, and the Amended and Restated Ivy MUC Programs Agreement was crafted between the County and Rivanna in 2016.

Mr. Mawyer stated most recently, Rivanna crafted the Ivy Convenience Center Agreement with the County and, as he mentioned earlier, they are now working on a new convenience center agreement, which could include the Keene facility and potentially other future facilities for a convenience center that the County might request.

Mr. Mawyer stated part of this history lesson was that all the agreements talked about allocating costs and how much each of the parties was going to pay, and particularly the administrative expenses that the RSWA bears and pays to the RSWA.

Mr. Mawyer stated what the board would see in Rivanna's history is somewhat reflected in the budget history, where the Authority was at a pinnacle back in 2008. He stated in the 2010 timeframe, one could see on the presented chart the budget coming down from \$9.2 million to where it bottomed out in 2015 at \$2.5 million. He stated more recently, they see the budget back on the upswing, as the transfer station has taken off, and programs like Household Hazardous Waste, EWaste, mulch, and compost have continued to grow at the facilities, culminating in 2022 with a budget of \$5.4 million.

Mr. Mawyer stated before moving into FY 22, he wanted to celebrate FY 21. He stated they got through most of the pandemic so far with no interruption in service. He stated as mentioned, the staff at Solid Waste are front and center with the public every day at the transfer station and

341 recycling facilities. He stated they work very hard to maintain proper COVID protocol, and address
342 any potential exposures. He applauded staff for doing a great job in keeping these facilities open and
343 moving forward.

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345 Mr. Mawyer stated they are also repairing a landfill cell cap where they had some settlement, and
346 this project is currently underway. He stated they initiated a Buffer Management Plan around the
347 landfill to manage the vegetative and tree buffer to keep it in healthy condition as well as to
348 generate revenue. He stated they continued the Household Hazardous Waste, eWaste, and compost
349 programs. He stated those have gone well in FY 21, despite the challenges the pandemic presented
350 them.

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352 Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna looks forward to working on the Keene Convenience Center and
353 getting this recycling and refuse collection facility developed. He stated they are moving forward
354 with the Buffer Management Plan, and the red arrow on the photograph on the slide showed Section
355 A, which is where they have awarded a contract for the forester to remove trees for harvest and to
356 replant the buffer.

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358 Mr. Mawyer stated the board had just heard Mr. McKalips talk about sustainability and the
359 proposed solar project . He stated Mr. McKalips has been working regionally with other solid waste
360 and recycling providers on expanding the glass recycling program.

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362 Mr. Mawyer stated the budget is \$5.4 million in expenses. He stated the largest segment of the
363 budget is, by far, the Ivy Transfer Facility, at \$2.6 million (or 48% of expenses), followed by the
364 Environmental Program at 19%. He stated this program provides gas and groundwater monitoring
365 and management as well as maintenance of the cells. He stated this is followed by Recycling
366 Program expenses (14%), Personnel and Operations Program (13%), and the Ivy Convenience
367 Center (6%).

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369 Mr. Mawyer stated the Ivy Transfer Station program includes staff, maintenance, and contract costs
370 to transport and dispose of municipal solid waste and construction debris, as well as to operate the
371 Encore Shop, which keeps products out of the landfills. He stated the program has revenues of \$1.9
372 million and expenses of \$2.6 million. He stated in accordance with the Amended and Restated Ivy
373 MUC Program Agreement of 2016, the County supports 100% of those costs, and 25% of
374 Rivanna's total administrative services expenses are allocated to the program.

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376 Mr. Mawyer stated the Environmental Program maintains the groundwater monitoring and gas
377 remediation programs for closed landfill cells. He stated it sponsors eWaste, Household Hazardous
378 Waste, and paint disposal. He stated revenue estimated for FY 22 is from the Buffer Management
379 Plan in harvesting some of the timber, which is \$50,000, which offsets the \$1 million in expenses.
380 He stated this program is a joint effort of the Environmental MOU of 2005, where UVA has a fixed
381 contribution, the County has 64.5% of the balance, and the City has 35.5% of the balance. He stated
382 this program supports 30% of Rivanna's total administrative expenses.

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384 Mr. Mawyer stated the Ivy Operations Program includes vegetative waste disposal; mulch
385 production and sales; disposal of furniture, tires, and appliances; and the use of clean fill at the
386 landfill. He stated this program has revenue and expenses and is 100% supported by the County in
387 accordance with the Ivy MUC Agreement of 2011.

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389 Mr. Mawyer stated recycling is a joint effort with the City and the County, with revenues being
390 down from prior years. He stated the County supports 70% of net expenses and the City 30% in
391 accordance with the Recycling Programs Agreement of 2011.

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393 Mr. Mawyer stated the Ivy Convenience Center has a small amount of revenue and expenses and is
394 supported 100% by the County.

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396 Mr. Mawyer stated the program scorecard, as shown on the slide, is how Rivanna tallies up the
397 City's allocation and contribution of \$499,099, the County at \$2.27 million, and UVA contributing
398 \$79,982. He stated all the costs are based on the agreements he went over earlier, which is how they
399 come up with the allocations.

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401 Mr. Mawyer stated some of the strategic investments Rivanna is making next year include
402 increasing the building equipment depreciation so that they can replace and repair the facilities . He
403 stated they now maintain new facilities with the transfer station and convenience center. He stated
404 they propose to add two staff positions, one being an Operator Attendant for Grounds Maintenance.
405 He stated Rivanna had a good arrangement with a local farmer that he would mow the landfill cells
406 and harvest the hay, but he will no longer provide that free service, so Rivanna is proposing to hire a
407 staff person to cut grass and maintain the grounds at Ivy.

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409 Mr. Mawyer stated as well, they are proposing a staff adjustment, as there has been a significant
410 amount of overtime in the current year. He stated Rivanna feels they need another
411 Driver/Equipment Operator for the transfer station and other facilities at the landfill.

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413 Mr. Mawyer stated they intend to absorb health insurance premium cost increases that they might
414 get from Anthem. He stated they are not self-insured on health insurance . He stated at a minimal
415 expense, they have a 2% merit pool proposed for staff, and that would be the only salary increase.
416 He stated they did not include a cost of living adjustment. He stated the sole increase to any staff
417 salary is through the merit pool and evaluation process.

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419 Mr. Mawyer stated additionally, there are operational costs for the transfer of additional refuse. He
420 stated in FY 21, Rivanna began accepting credit cards as a better way to deal with payments at the
421 landfill, but there is a small banking fee for that. He stated they are not proposing any change to the
422 tip fees at Ivy this year.

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424 Mr. Mawyer stated the organizational chart on the slide showed the two proposed positions in Solid
425 Waste. He stated there is joint administrative staff under Mr. Wood (Director of Finance and
426 Administration), so RSWA shares in the costs of Accounting and IT staff with the RWSA. He
427 stated two additional positions are being proposed for the RWSA: an Accounting Associate and an
428 IT Administrator. He stated those were shown on the chart as #3 and #4 because the Solid Waste
429 Authority would have a small share of the cost of those administrative expenses as well.

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431 Mr. Mawyer stated in the current year, \$200,000 in reserves was contributed to help keep any cost
432 contribution increases at zero, essentially, for the County and City budgets during the pandemic. He
433 stated in FY 22, Rivanna does not think it is prudent to continue to take money out of the savings
434 account, so they have reduced this to zero, and the total change in the budget is \$315,434, which is a
435 sum of the County's and City's contribution increases for this year. He stated the total County
436 contribution is about \$2.27 million, and the City's contribution is about \$499,000.

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438 Mr. Mawyer stated he could answer any questions. He stated otherwise, RSWA was proposing a
439 resolution for adoption of the preliminary rate schedule and allowing them to advertise and schedule
440 a public hearing on these charges and fees for the board's meeting on May 25 at 2:00 p.m. He stated
441 they will advertise the rate schedule in the newspaper, followed by the public hearing.
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443 Dr. Palmer asked Mr. Mawyer if he could go back to the slide with the budget history. She stated
444 she was troubled by this, as she thought the City started taking their trash to Zion Crossroads earlier
445 than this. She asked what was going on that it was \$9 million in FY 2008. She asked if this was all
446 the closure costs and why it was so high back then.
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448 Mr. Mawyer asked Mr. Wood if he had the historical knowledge on that.
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450 Mr. Wood stated that from 1998 to about 2008 or 2009, this is when Rivanna had the contract with
451 BFI. He stated even though the City had been taking all of their MSW to the BFI transfer station,
452 there was a contract between the three that basically stated whatever the City took out there,
453 Rivanna received payment. He stated back then, it was called a service contribution fee. He stated
454 all of that went away in the settlement of 2010 between BFI, Van Der Linde, Rivanna, and the City.
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456 Dr. Palmer asked if this was revenue they were getting and what they were spending it on.
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458 Mr. Wood explained that they paid a contract fee to BFI, for example, Rivanna paid BFI \$50 per ton
459 for disposal, and Rivanna was charging \$56 or \$54 per ton to take it in. He stated they were netting
460 the difference (the service contribution fee) and were using it to pay for programs like recycling.
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462 Dr. Palmer stated she was stunned by how expensive it was back then and now, they have a new,
463 beautiful transfer station and doing such a better job in offering so many services for so much less.
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465 Mr. Wood stated this was also at the same time that BFI and Van Der Linde started attracting more
466 of the County haulers, so much of the waste that was coming out to Ivy, was then going to BFI,
467 Rivanna was getting a certain amount of charges for it. He stated at that time, this is when things
468 really changed, and it was not just the City coming to BFI, but many County haulers as well.
469 Rivanna was allowed to charge a revenue for it before the settlement. He stated when the settlement
470 happened, BFI was no longer contracted with Rivanna, and Rivanna was no longer able to charge
471 the service contribution fee, of which much of it was going from the City, but a lot of it was coming
472 from the County haulers. He stated Rivanna was using this as a way to fund the programs that did
473 not make money such as recycling, HHW, and the like.
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475 Dr. Palmer stated she is impressed by the services they are getting now and what Rivanna is doing.
476 She asked if this data is corrected for inflation.
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478 Mr. Wood replied no.
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480 Dr. Palmer stated it is extraordinary.
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482 Mr. Mawyer stated he would take this as a compliment.
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484 Dr. Palmer stated it was meant as a compliment. She thanked Mr. Mawyer for the good work.
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486 Mr. Mawyer stated Rivanna appreciates the board's support in helping them to grow the revenues so
487 that they can provide the services.
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489 Dr. Palmer stated she had another question that perhaps Mr. Mawyer or Mr. McKalips could
490 answer. She stated clearly as they get more trash, they have to have more people taking care of the
491 trash coming in at the current tipping fee. She asked if there is another level they will get to with
492 trash where they are still keeping the same number of people and where they have a better economy
493 of scale there.
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495 Mr. Mawyer stated they have not calculated any particular unit metric, and it is not necessarily a
496 linear function that as they add trash, they have to add a certain number of staff per ton. He stated
497 they started with the initial transfer station staffing they began the new transfer station with, and
498 they have added many tons over the past couple of years without any additional staff. He stated it is
499 when they saw the overtime going up very high and the consistency of the additional tons that they
500 thought it would be an appropriate time to add a staff person.
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502 Mr. Mawyer stated he did not think they had an exact metric of tons per employee, at this point, if
503 this was Dr. Palmer's question.
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505 Dr. Palmer stated this was her question, and it was not necessarily important, but she was curious as
506 to how the trajectory of this was going to go, given the graph on the screen. She stated this was all
507 helpful.
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509 Mr. Gaffney asked Mr. Mawyer if he had a total number of tons, or tons per month, in next year's
510 projection.
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512 Mr. Mawyer replied that he did. He stated they projected about 50,000 tons to be processed in FY
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515 Mr. Wood clarified that for MSW, there are 33,000 tons projected for next year.
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517 Mr. Mawyer noted that for half of FY 21, they had received about 20,000 tons, with seven
518 additional tons in other waste categories. He stated they are projecting 54,000 tons for FY 21, with
519 40,000 tons in MSW and 14,000 tons in other waste categories, as shown by Appendix 4 in the
520 budget.
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522 Mr. Gaffney stated this is about a 20% increase MSW from the current number.
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524 Mr. Mawyer stated they had about 45,700 tons in FY 20, and they are projecting 54,000 tons for FY
525 21.
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527 Mr. Brown asked for clarification that this Resolution is not being proposed for approval of the
528 budget, but if it is to authorize advertising of the rate schedule.
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530 Mr. Mawyer clarified that the board was not approving the budget that day, and they would approve
531 it in May after the public hearing.
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533 Mr. Gaffney stated they were only voting at present on the preliminary rate schedule and not the
534 final rate schedule.

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Dr. Palmer moved to adopt the preliminary rate schedule for FY 2022 for the Solid Waste Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stewart and passed unanimously (6-0). (Mr. Snook was absent.)

10. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD/STAFF NOT ON AGENDA

There were none.

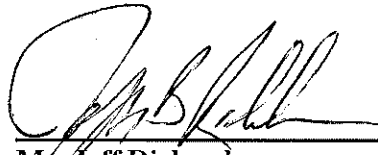
11. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 2.49 p.m., Dr. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting of the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stewart and passed unanimously (6-0). (Mr. Snook was absent.)

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Jeff Richardson
Secretary - Treasurer