

AT A MEETING OF THE NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, 12:00 NOON,  
NRRA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT: Mr. Paul Baker, Chairman  
Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Robert Asbury, Secretary  
Mr. Dirk Compton, Member  
Mr. Barry Helms, Member  
Mr. Tye Kirkner, Member  
Mr. Tom Starnes, Member  
Mr. Jonathan Sweet, Member

STAFF: Mr. Joseph Levine, NRRA Executive Director  
Ms. Marjorie Atkins, NRRA Recording Secretary  
Mr. Howard Estes, NRRA Legal Counsel  
Mr. Brandon Atkins, Compliance Assistant  
Mr. Dave Rupe, Administrative Manager  
Ms. Monica Furrow, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Ms. Edith Hampton, Town of Dublin  
Mr. Andrew Monk, Thompson & Litton

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order.

The motion to approve the Agenda of the February 28, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fijalkowski and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing regarding Proposed Waste Disposal And Tipping Fee Rate Increases. Mr. Levine noted that the advertisement of the rate hearing was published:

January 30 – February 28, 2024	NRRA Website
February 12 & February 20, 2024	Roanoke Times
February 16 & February 23, 2024	Pulaski Patriot
February 14 & February 21, 2024	Virginian Leader

NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL AND TIPPING FEE RATE INCREASES

New River Resource Authority (“NRRRA”) provides, among related services, waste disposal services for the businesses, citizens and communities of the City of Radford, the Town of Dublin, Giles County, Pulaski County and within the jurisdictional boundaries, and incorporated jurisdictions therein, of Montgomery County and the Counties of Wythe, Bland, and Floyd. Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-5136 and § 15.2-5114, NRRRA proposes the following changes to the waste disposal and tipping fees:

Tires (per pound) from \$0.12 per pound to \$0.15 per pound

Fees proposed not to change:

Municipal Solid Waste	\$34.00 per ton
Construction Debris	\$34.00 per ton
VPI Ash	\$10.00 per ton
Non-Friable Asbestos	\$54.00 per ton
Unsecured Loads	\$25.00 each
Minimum Ticket Fee	\$ 5.00 each
Admin (Copy) Fee	\$ 0.25 each
Clean Wood	\$25.00 per ton
Appliances	\$34.00 per ton
Recycling	\$60.00 per ton
POTW (Sludge)	\$24.00 per ton

A public hearing on the rates set forth above will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Noon, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the administrative conference room of NRRRA at 7100 Cloyd’s Mountain Road, Dublin, Virginia.

Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned time and place to present their views or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. Accommodations for disabled persons can be made with the Deputy Director by calling (540) 674-1677 at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

**NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY**

**7100 CLOYD’S MOUNTAIN ROAD**

**POST OFFICE BOX 1246**

**DUBLIN, VIRGINIA 24084**

No comments were presented.

The motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Helms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Compton and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, Board Meeting was made by Mr. Fijalkowski. The motion was seconded by Mr. Compton and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

There were no items for Section V. Old Business.

New Business and Administrative Items included Items of Consent.

The Transaction By Vendor Report for the month of January was included in the agenda package. Mr. Levine noted that the \$5,000 payment to American Scales was for the replacement of load cells; Scientific Certification Systems for \$4,875.00 was for verification of carbon credits. Mr. Levine also noted that Stericycle was the company that picked up red bags (biohazard/medical) found in the landfill. Mr. Levine noted there had been an increase in the number of bags received. NRRRA plans to implement a program to bill the generator of the bags.

The motion to approve the Transaction By Vendor Report for the month of January 2024 was made by Mr. Compton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helms and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>



The draft Financial Statements for the month ending January 31, 2024, were presented. Mr. Levine noted that on the Account Code 753.81 "Water and Wastewater System" line, the Authority was over budget due to the opening of Area D and the amount of water from rain events that had been treated. Line-item Account Code 807.01 "Equipment Budget", amount spent to date was due to several unforeseen events which included a skid steer rebuild and fire suppression equipment being installed on the two new pieces of equipment which were delivered at the same time.

The motion to approve the draft Financial Statements as of January 31, 2024, as presented, was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Compton and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The motion to adopt the rates as advertised for FY 2024/2025, effective July 1, 2024, was made by Mr. Helms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asbury and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

Mr. Levine presented the Executive Director's report. Revenues were 7% above projections; expenses were 3.4% below projections. 14,292.40 tons of waste was managed in January. From January 23 through 25, LaBella was on site to teach the Virginia Waste Management Operators Class 1 and 2 training. Several NRRRA staff members attended the training. On February 8, Dave Rupe, Monica Furrow, Marjorie Atkins, and Joe Levine participated in a conference call with VRS regarding employees on short term disability transitioning to long term disability. On February 14, 2024, updated Personnel Policies were reviewed with staff. Climate Action Reserve verified 84,301 carbon credits. The verification for 2023 credits is in process.

Mr. Levine presented the Engineering Section of the Agenda.

Mr. Monk reported that Thompson and Litton had been reviewing information regarding the volume of leachate/storm water from Area D. Area D was the largest area NRRRA had ever opened, sixteen and a half acres. Four rain events exceed two- and one-half inches each, produced 3.2 million gallons which increased flow by ninety-four percent. Data was then compared to previous cell openings. Area C had a three hundred fifty percent increase when opened; Area B had a four hundred percent increase. Mr. Monk noted that the comparison demonstrated that employees were doing a good job with the operations.

The Chairman invited Public Comments.

No comments were presented.

The motion to enter a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1) for the purpose of the Executive Director's annual review was made by Mr. Fijalkowski. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starnes and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The motion to reconvene the regular meeting was made by Mr. Fijalkowski. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asbury and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The following motion was made by Mr. Fijalkowski. I hereby move to reconvene the regular meeting and for certification pursuant to the Code of Virginia, that the Board of Directors, to the best of each Director's knowledge, heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by the Freedom of Information Act in the closed meeting of this date, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Directors of the New River Resource Authority. The motion was seconded by Starnes and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The motion to grant the Executive Director an annual salary of \$210,000 exclusive of a COLA adjustment and a net yield bonus that is tax adjusted of one percent on March 1, 2024, was made by Mr. Sweet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helms and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helms and approved by a recorded roll call vote of the Authority as follows:

Mr. Asbury	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Kirkner	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Compton	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Sweet	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority Board is Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 12:00, (NOON), at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marjorie W. Atkins  
Recording Secretary

Approved at 03/27/2024 Board Meeting.



Paul W. Baker, Chairman



Robert P. Asbury, Secretary



**SIGN IN SHEET**  
**RATE HEARING**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**  
**12:00 NOON**

<b>*NAME</b>	<b>*ADDRESS</b>	<b>OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION</b> <b>(OPTIONAL)</b>
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**NRRA**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

Please register below if you wish to speak during the “Public Comment” portion of the Agenda. Speakers are limited to five minutes.

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