

**CENTRAL VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2024
PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY
6605 COURTS DRIVE, PRINCE GEORGE, VA 23875**

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT

Voting

Robert L. Dunn (M-Chesterfield), Chairman
Miles Jones (M-Richmond), Vice-Chairman
John Mitchell (M-Henrico), Treasurer
Cary Drane (M-Chesterfield), Secretary
Stephen Chidsey (M-Ashland)
Clay Bowles (M-Chesterfield)
Todd Flippen (A-Colonial Heights)
Wendy Grady (M-Goochland)
John Saunders (A-Hanover)
Theresa Arnold (A-Hanover)
Marcia E. Kelley (M-Henrico)
Josh Byerly (A-Henrico)
Monique Robertson (M-Hopewell)
Bob Powers (M-Powhatan)
Dean Simmons (M-Prince George)
Carly Glenn (M-Richmond)
Elizabeth Hall (M-Richmond)

Non-Voting:

Jon Clary (A-Henrico)
Tim Glidewell (A-Powhatan)

Staff:

Kimberly A. Hynes, Executive Director
Richard Nolan, Director of Operations
Adam George, Accounting & Financial Manager
Julie Buchanan, Public Relations Coordinator
Stephanie Breaker, Customer Service Manager
Adam Girard, Recycling Coordinator
LaTanya McBride, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES NOT PRESENT

Jenny Schontag (A-Ashland)
Nathaniel Richardson (M-Charles City)
Michelle Johnson (A-Charles City)
John Neal (A-Chesterfield)
Mindy McKinney (A-Chesterfield)
Dawn Rowell (A-Chesterfield)
Doug Smith (M-Colonial Heights)
Dwayne Jones (A-Goochland)
Randy Hardman (M-Hanover)
Jeff Stoneman (M-Hanover)
Marilee Tretina (M-Henrico)
J Bentley Chan (A-Henrico)
Jordan Stewart (M-New Kent)
Rodney Hathaway (A-New Kent)
Jerry Byerly (M-Petersburg)
Randall Williams (A-Petersburg)
Michael Walker (A-Richmond)
Noah Hillerbrand (A-Richmond)

Visitors:

Kristen Pudlow, Prince George Deputy County
Administrator

Chairman Dunn (M-Chesterfield) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He asked all attendees to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. With a quorum in attendance, he called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Item No. 1: Public Comment Period

Chairman Dunn opened the public comment period and asked if there were any members of the public present who wish to address the Board to come forward. Seeing no one, Chairman Dunn closed the public comment period.

Item No. 2: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2024

Chairman Dunn (M-Chesterfield) opened the floor for a motion to consider the minutes of the February 16, 2024, meeting as submitted. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman M. Jones (M-Richmond) and seconded by Ms. M. Robertson (M-Hopewell), and so carried that the minutes of the February 16, 2024, Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) Board of Directors meeting were approved as submitted.

Item No. 3: Chairman's Report

Chairman Dunn commented on the need to form a Nominating Committee, and asked all members that are interested in serving on the committee to contact the Committee-Chairwoman, Ms. M. Kelley (M-Henrico) or Chairman Dunn.

Chairman Dunn reminded the board that next year marks the 35th Anniversary of CVWMA! He proposed several options for the board to consider like a small retreat, a large event similar to our 25th Anniversary, or a couple of smaller events throughout the year. Chairman Dunn confirmed that some board members have committed to serve on the committee, and he recommends more broader participation. All members that are interested in serving on the committee should contact Chairman Dunn with thoughts and ideas. Lastly, Chairman Dunn turned the floor over to Mrs. Kim Hynes, CVWMA Executive Director.

Mrs. Hynes greeted everyone in attendance, she thanked all board members and the staff of Prince George County for graciously hosting our meeting. Mrs. Hynes extended an invitation to tour the library and socialize after the meeting. Mrs. Hynes shared some interesting facts about the library, which is a LEED-certified building that predominantly utilizes natural lighting.

Mrs. Hynes took a moment to introduce Ms. Kristen Pudlow as the newly appointed Deputy County Administrator for Prince George County. Ms. Pudlow was born in Boise, Idaho, she served 15 years in the US military and has since retired from service. Mrs. Hynes welcomed Ms. Pudlow and thanked her for attending.

Ms. Pudlow thanked the board for inviting her and expressed her eagerness to learn the types of stewardship taking place in these spaces. Ms. Pudlow explained that she is a self-described "nerd" with a deep passion for history. She mentioned she is a huge fan of Mr. Georgie Warren Jr., a trailblazer who in 1895 oversaw the first Sanitation Department in New York City. Ms. Pudlow described the horrifying conditions of the city streets then and where people died from a lack of sanitation. No one was cleaning up the horse manure, human waste, and filth being thrown in the streets. It got so bad that it seemed impossible to fix, and no one believed he could do it. So, Mr. Warren asked for a team of 20 people, and they cleaned up the streets of New York, and became the first Sanitation Department in history. Ms. Pudlow noted that his model is replicated today in many communities and has subsequently saved millions of lives generationally. In conclusion Ms. Pudlow stated that the most important things we do in life are not going to be in a room full of people applauding, it's the daily acts of

stewardship that are most important. She thanked everyone for allowing her to introduce herself and she looks forward to working with the CVWMA and the board in the future.

Next, Mrs. Hynes formally introduced new board members. Mr. Bob Powers (M-Powhatan), who is a newly elected member of the Powhatan Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Tim Glidewell (A-Powhatan), are newly appointed representatives of Powhatan County. Mrs. Hynes also welcomed Mr. John Saunders (A-Hanover), a newly appointed alternate for Hanover County. Mrs. Hynes welcomed all the appointees to the board and suggested that all board members introduce themselves after the meeting.

Mr. B. Powers (M-Powhatan) thank Mrs. Hynes for her outstanding representation of the CVWMA. He expressed great appreciation for Mrs. Hynes' wealth of knowledge regarding CVWMA. Mr. Powers thanked Mrs. Hynes for taking the time to bring him up to speed on what the board does. Mr. Powers announced his commitment to serve, and his willingness to advocate for CVWMA. Mrs. Hynes thanked Mr. Powers for his compliment. Mrs. Hynes added that she plans to meet with all the new appointees very soon. She extended an invitation to anyone with questions to contact her directly.

In conclusion, Chairman Dunn reiterated Mrs. Hynes request for all board members to stick around after the meeting and spend some time talking and getting to know each other because you may end up on a committee together.

Item No. 4: 2024 Virginia General Assembly Update

Mrs. Hynes provided an update on the 2024 Virginia General Assembly, which adjourned on March 9th, Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that this information is available in the board package as well. Mrs. Hynes reported on relevant bills that are moving forward, as follows:

HB 316 Virginia Recycling Development Center established; report. Establishes the Virginia Recycling Development Center for the purposes of furthering the development of markets and processing for recycled commodities and products, to be run by a Director appointed and supervised by the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources. **Passed the House passed the Senate with a substitute; House rejected, and the Senate's substitute and conferees have been appointed.**

HB 4 Plastic bag tax; distribution to towns. Provides that any town located within a county that has imposed a disposable plastic bag tax shall receive a distribution of revenues collected by the county based on the local sales tax distribution formula for appropriations to towns. **Passed the House and the Senate and signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.**

HB 496 Waste tire disposal by tire producers and haulers; fee, requirements. Requires a tire producer, as defined in the bill, to (i) dispose of all waste tires to a processing facility or a recycling center through a licensed hauler; (ii) ensure that the waste tires intended to be disposed of are placed in a secure location that is not readily accessible to the public; and (iii) register with the Department of Environmental Quality no later than October 1, 2024, and annually thereafter. The bill expands the purpose of the Waste Tire Trust Fund to include paying the costs of implementing the waste tire disposal requirements of tire haulers. The bill also increases the tire recycling fee from \$0.50 to \$2.00 beginning July 1, 2024. **Passed the House but passed by indefinitely in Senate Committee.**

HB 953 Local Environmental Impact Fund. Allows localities to create a permanent and perpetual fund to be known as the Local Environmental Impact Fund. The bill provides that the Fund shall consist exclusively of appropriated local moneys and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf, and that the Fund is to be created for the purpose of granting funds to residents or locally owned businesses for the

mitigation of environmental impacts. Such grants from the Fund shall be used only for the purchase of energy efficient (i) lawncare and landscaping equipment, (ii) home appliances, (iii) HVAC equipment, or (iv) micro mobility devices. The Fund shall be administered and managed by the locality. **Passed the House and the Senate and signed by the Speaker and President.**

HB 1088 Board of Education; instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy. Requires the Board of Education to make available to each local school board instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy that are based on and include peer-reviewed scientific sources. The bill requires the Board of Education to develop, adopt, and make available to each local school board model policies and procedures, based on peer-reviewed scientific sources, pertaining to the selection of instructional materials on climate change and environmental literacy, including a requirement for any such selected material to accurately portray changes in weather and climate patterns over time, the impacts of human activity on changes in weather and climate patterns, and the effects of climate change on people and resources. **Passed the House and the Senate.**

HB 1112 / SB545 Auto recyclers; database search. Clarifies the databases to be searched by the Department of Motor Vehicles upon notification by an auto recycler that he possesses a motor vehicle to be demolished but does not possess a certificate of title, salvage certificate, or nonrepairable certificate for such motor vehicle. **Passed the House and Senate and has been signed by the Speaker and President.**

HB 30 Budget Amendments. Mrs. Hynes reported that she noticed some language in the budget bill that amends previous legislation banning polystyrene from food establishments. Previous legislation made the ban effective in 2028 for large companies and 2030 for small companies. Delegate Betsy Carr patroned an amendment for the ban to be effective in 2025 for large companies and 2026 for small companies.

Mrs. Hynes also noticed that the budget bill includes seven and a half million dollars allocated for the recycling investment recycling infrastructure investment fund. It's unclear how that will be allocated, and she will try and find out more.

HB 311 Virginia Public Procurement Act; submissions of bids or proposals on electronic procurement system. Mandates that all public bodies provide an option to submit bids or proposals for procurement contracts through the Commonwealth's statewide electronic procurement system, known as eVA. Current law only imposes such a requirement on state public bodies. **Passed the House and Senate and signed by Speaker and President.**

HB 816 FOIA; meetings held through electronic communication during declared states of emergency. Provides that the provisions for conducting a meeting by electronic means due to a state of emergency stated in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are declarative of existing law since March 20, 2020, with respect to the Governor's declared state of emergency due to COVID-19. **Passed the House and Senate.**

HB 894 Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Amends the number of all-virtual public meetings that public bodies, with certain exceptions, may convene in a calendar year to no more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. **Passed the House and the Senate.**

Item No. 5: ByLaws Review Update

Mrs. Hynes reported the ByLaws Review Committee met on March 4th to discuss potential revisions to the language of the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. Mrs. Hynes reminded the Board that during the Board

retreat, the group responded overwhelmingly for CVWMA to hire staff that are not residents of their respective locality. Mrs. Hynes reported that at this past meeting, the committee started drafting revisions to the Articles of Incorporation which will make the residency requirement more flexible. Mrs. Hynes explained that the committee also discussed alternates serving at large versus serving for a specific member, to increase representation at our meetings. In addition, the committee discussed reviewing the other sections of the Articles of Incorporation to determine other potential revisions.

Mrs. Hynes indicated that the next meeting would include finalizing language and draft revisions to share with the Board and member localities.

Item No. 6: Operations and Technical Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Nolan, CVWMA Director of Operations presented a graphic slide illustrating the consistent increase in recycling market prices for paper commodities over the last 8 months. Mr. Nolan reported a continuous uptick in rebates to the CVWMA from the sale of recycled commodities beginning since July 2023. Mr. Nolan referred to the graph which indicates an increase in the price of cardboard from \$60 per ton to \$120; an increase in newsprint from \$35 to \$85; and an increase in mixed paper from \$25 to \$75 per ton. Mr. Nolan mentioned that the commodities market can be uncertain; and he reminded the board that not that long ago the price for mixed paper was zero for a long time.

Ms. M. Kelly (M-Henrico) asked what the markets for the cardboard are collected in our programs and if that material is still being recycled overseas. Mr. Nolan explained that up until 2018, recycled paper was collected in the US was shipped mostly to China to be recycled. Then China placed restrictions on the quality of imported fiber, that government basically stopped importing paper and some plastics. This resulted in the expansion of paper mills in the US shifting to pulping fiber domestically and shipping the pulp to China as feedstock for their paper mills. Mrs. Hynes mentioned that some of the recycling materials are sent to other countries overseas. Mr. Nolan added that India is one of the countries that still accepts paper and other commodities and processes it themselves or sells the pulp to Chinese mills. Opening up more recycled capacity has increased demand and thus commodity prices.

Mrs. Hynes also mentioned the paper mills that are in our area, and the old Bear Island facility in Ashland has reopened. In addition, a company is opening in Chesapeake that will process mixed paper into pulp and will provide capacity for recycling paper as well.

Mr. Nolan reported that TFC conducted an audit on the mix of materials collected in the CVWMA curbside recycling program. The provisions of the contract state that TFC must periodically perform an audit of the recycling materials stream. In February six routes were selected at random for the evaluation: 2 in Richmond, 1 in Hanover, 1 in Hopewell, and 2 in Henrico. The materials for the sample were collected on blue and red Thursday and processed and weighed separately on two Friday mornings. Mr. Nolan provided a slide to illustrate the comparison of percentages by weight from the most recent audit compared to the audit conducted a couple of years ago. Mr. Nolan reported the audit shows some slight changes in the mix of commodities. The audit showed an increase by weight of Aluminum, Plastics and Steel, as well as an increase in residue (contaminants) in the stream. Reductions were seen in cardboard, glass and mixed paper.

Mr. Nolan reminded the board that Earth Month is in April and there are a lot of upcoming events: On April 13th Henrico County will host an e-Cycling Event and Hanover will host an HHW event. On Saturday, April 20th Hanover County will host an e-Cycling Event, and New Kent County will host an e-cycling and Waste Tire event. On April 27th Prince George County will host an HHW event. Mr. Nolan noted that all events for April are listed in the board package.

Mr. Nolan reported that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on March 7th to discuss the CVWMA Solid Waste Management Plan and the RFP for mattress recycling that are due today by 2:00 p.m. In the next couple of weeks, proposals in response to an RFP for HHW (household hazardous waste) will be due, and Mr. Nolan mentioned that staff will be coming to the Board in April to award those contracts. Lastly, Mr. Nolan reminded the board that copies of the program statistics are located on the table at the front of the room and are on the CVWMA website.

Mr. S. Chidsey (M-Ashland) commented on the inconsistency of the program statistics, particularly the curbside recycling program. He stated that two were highlighted as “questionable” for the second month in a row. Mr. Chidsey urged Mr. Nolan to clarify the inconsistent data from the 4 jurisdictions in question, adding that this month’s data is inconsistent in comparison to historical numbers. Mr. Chidsey questioned what is going on with pounds per household and the rate of set-out considering they are related.

Mr. Nolan responded that we get the data from the contractor and the staff is working with them on clarifying the data. Mr. S. Chidsey (M-Ashland) commented on the unreliable numbers and added that Goochland County has a higher setout rate, yet the tonnage is not reflective of the setout rate.

Mr. Nolan stated that he and Mr. Girard, CVWMA Recycling Coordinate, will investigate on the next collection days in those jurisdictions to verify the numbers. Mr. Nolan assured Mr. Chidsey that he is vigilantly trying to remedy these inconsistencies in the data.

Item No. 8: Public Information

Mrs. J. Buchanan, CVWMA Public Relations Coordinator updated the board on the education and outreach activities for March. She had the opportunity to represent CVWMA at the Flying Squirrel’s Nutzy’s Block Party, on March 2nd. About 1,000 people came from all over the region to support the event, and 270 people stopped by the CVWMA tent to discuss waste reduction, recycling, and pick up informational giveaways. Fun fact: Mrs. Buchanan was able to wear a rare green Nutzy hat that was given to CVWMA in 2010, and it was a hit!

Mrs. Buchanan referred to the TFC material audit mentioned by Mr. Nolan and reported that Mr. Girard attended the material audit and wrote a blog post on the CVWMA website. The article contains good insight on the audit, what they do with the trash residue at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), the process of material sorting, and dispelling myths about recycling going landfills. She mentioned that there is a QR code in the board packet to read the article.

Mrs. Buchanan announced the upcoming events in April for Earth Month and Earth Day. On April 13th Chesterfield County will host an Outdoor Fest, April 19th Powhatan County will host an Earth Day Celebration Event, Ashland Library will host a weeklong event leading up to their main event on Saturday April 20th CVWMA will be there talking to folks about the “green routine” so if you are in the neighborhood feel free to drop by. Also, on April 20th Henrico will host an event at Dorey Park. On April 22nd Stony Point Fashion Park will host an Earth Day Event and provide paper shredding.

Mrs. Buchanan shared examples of the new plantable bookmarkers that were purchased in time for Earth month. These bookmarkers contain herb seeds that can be planted in the ground or in a flowering pot. Mrs. Buchanan noted that there are two different variations in messaging printed in English and Spanish.

Lastly, Mrs. Buchanan reported on education and outreach activities in the schools. She noted that a lot of requests are pouring in from teachers and administrators that are interested in Earth month programming. CVWMA is providing time and materials whenever requested.

Mr. S. Chidsey (M-Ashland) commented on a text he received from his brother-in-law in Indianapolis who is facing the same problem with citizens questioning where their waste is going, and he described how the local TV station dispelled the fears of the public by tracking the recycling route daily.

Mrs. Buchanan confirmed that she is asked a lot of questions about where the recycling goes from the public at events, and she also received an email from a customer that has been reading a lot of reports about recycling not being recycled. Mrs. Buchanan emphasized the pervasiveness of this issue, and she feels that a few bad actors in other parts of the country are giving recycling programs a bad name. Mrs. Buchanan suggests that we continue to do all we can to dispel the myths and show people that their materials are being recycled.

Ms. C. Glenn (M-Richmond) added that this topic is pervasive, and she hears the same message on podcasts and wonders what type of messaging could we create to encourage people to recycle more at a local level. Ms. Glenn suggested looking at what's happening locally because Richmond recycling programs might not work in other areas of the country or a different part of Virginia. Ms. Glenn mentioned it would be worth developing a campaign with the slogan such as "recycle locally."

Mrs. Buchanan commented on restoring the faith in our system, and she stated that part of the CVWMA strategic plan for education involves this type of messaging. Mrs. Buchanan likes the idea of following some of our materials all the way through the system.

Mrs. E. Hall (M-Richmond) added that recyclables vary region by region, which makes this a regional issue, which can be confusing because you hear that in some places, they no longer accept glass, and people end up confused. Ms. Hall cautioned that she can't say that everybody's going to the right place, but she can guarantee that this is happening in our local recycling area. Anything outside of our purview we can't speak to, and we shouldn't be asked to, but that's difficult to communicate.

Mrs. Buchanan concurred with Ms. Hall; she reminded the board that Ms. Hall's articles in RVAHub address a lot of these issues so please check them out on the CVWMA website. Chairman Dunn reiterated how outstanding Ms. Hall's articles are and he encourages everyone to read them.

Item No. 9: Financial Reports for February 2024

Mr. Adam George, Accounting & Financial Manager, reported a year-to-date net income of \$222,814. Mr. George informed the board that the financial activity is consistent with the projected budget. He reported that one account is more than 60 days old, and he is working to get them caught up. CVWMA issued an RFP for audit services and proposals are due on March 29th.

Chairman Dunn opened the floor for questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Financial Reports for February 2024 as submitted. A motion was made by Mr. M. Jones (M-Richmond), Vice-Chairman, and seconded by Mr. R. Powers (M-Powhatan) and carried that the Financial Reports for February 2024 are approved and filed as submitted.

Item No. 10: Strategic Plan Implementation Report

Mrs. Hynes reported on the progress of implementation of the strategic plan goals. She first thanked all the board members and staff that are diligently serving on the goal committees and helping move us closer towards achieving the goals. Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that this is a 20-year plan, so over time we will continue to prioritize and implement our goal initiatives.

Mrs. Hynes reported that the Waste Diversion Committee (Goal #1) is tasked with increasing our recycling rate to 80%, from the current rate of about 60% per the annual report to DEQ. The committee discussed ways to recycle more, evaluate composting, and alternative technologies to landfilling non-recyclable waste. Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that last month's presentation from Kate Rivara of the City of Richmond's Composting Pilot Program aligns with our strategic planning goals. At the next meeting, we will be touring the McGill Composting Facility in Waverly where they compost food waste. Mrs. Hynes invited anyone that is interested in joining us on May 8th at 1:00 p.m. to contact her for further information.

Mrs. Hynes referred to Mr. Nolan's reporting of mattress recycling RFP and stated that we do not currently have a mattress recycling program in the region, and implementing a program will further the waste diversion initiatives. Mrs. Hynes also reported that the CVWMA is working on collecting actual disposal data from landfills to determine a baseline of waste generation in our region versus using the national estimates.

Mrs. Hynes provided an update for the meeting with the Chief Administrative Officers from seven localities and PlanRVA (Richmond Regional Planning District Commission) to discuss alternatives to landfilling and landfill capacity shrinkage over the next 20 years in our region. Lastly, the Waste Diversion committee will continue to follow the SPSA RFP for alternative waste processing facility as an alternative to disposal in landfills.

Mrs. Hynes reported on the Customer Service Committee (Goal #2) initiated an audit of our existing customer service. Staff researched the cost of a consultant, however the committee decided to take a different approach, and drafted some post engagement surveys for feedback from citizens. The CVWMA hopes to receive feedback from customers on the service we provide by phone, email, CVWMA website, and the self-service portal. An 'after-call' survey was recently implemented so when customers call, they have the option to take a quick survey on the service they received. The next meeting will be held on April 22nd at 10:00 am. (virtual).

Mrs. Hynes reported on Education and Outreach committee (Goal #3), Mrs. Hynes referred to Mrs. Buchanan's report, and she is now listing CVWMA activities and initiatives in real time. Anyone from the schools or civic groups can visit our website and sign up for our programs or events. Staff are creating a variety of messaging around the Sustainable Materials Management Hierarchy and tailoring those messages to various audiences. Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that CVWMA issues a monthly electronic newsletter, and all board members should be receiving it, and she encouraged Board members to share it with others in their locality. Mrs. Hynes summarized the next steps for the committee; develop messaging for diverse audiences and expand some of our partnerships. The next meeting will be held virtually on April 24th at 10am.

Mrs. Hynes provided a report on the Multi-Family Recycling committee (Goal #4) to increase access to multi-family recycling. At the last meeting the committee heard a presentation from the Recycling Partnership, a national organization that works with major retailers on fostering recycling. Mrs. Hynes noted that there are some grant funding opportunities available to assist with multifamily recycling. The committee will continue to gather data on where multi-families are located, what types of multifamily there are in this region, and how many actually exist. This is a time of increased development of multi-family housing in all our localities, and we want to get in on the front end of the application process for new development to ensure recycling infrastructure is planned. One of the challenges in the development process is existing facilities and a lack of space for recycling containers. The group plans to meet with Green City Developers, a new development in Henrico County that is completely green and will include multifamily units as well. The next meeting will be held on May 7th at 10:00 am, the group may possibly tour the green city during that meeting.

Lastly, Mrs. Hynes reported on the Economic Development committee (Goal #5). She mentioned that although the committee has not met, staff have been working on this goal. She indicated her meeting with the chief administrative officers in the region discussing the future of solid waste management plan will inherently include economic development opportunities. The committee will be meeting soon, and in the interim the group will

continue to maintain strong relationships with our partners and foster connections with recycling and alternative waste companies. Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that CVWMA has relationships with several companies doing unique things with MSW, like UBQ, Hughes Energy, Carbon Recycling and Peel Labs, who will join us next month. Mrs. Hynes announced we now have relationships and partnerships with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Greater Richmond Partnership on Economic Development opportunities.

Ms. C. Glenn (M-Richmond) stated that she was really energized by our meeting with the Recycling Partnership. The gentleman was very enthusiastic about working with us and potentially giving us funding for a pilot, which should be the number one next step. Ms. Glenn would like more information on a smaller scale before the group discusses Multifamily recycling on a larger scale. We need involvement from the developers and the city, to get residents ready for the pilot. Ms. Glenn is really excited to work closer on that pilot to get much more buy-in, which is really important.

Chairman Dunn urged all members that signed up for a committee to please attend their scheduled meeting and participate we are interested in your great ideas. Ms. K. Pudlow asked if the committee meetings are always in person or are they virtual? Mrs. Hynes replied, a combination of both. If we include a presentation or a tour, those are typically in person.

Item No. 10: Administrative

Mrs. Hynes reminded the Board that CVWMA applied for the EPA grants, both the infrastructure and the recycling education and outreach grants. Unfortunately, we were not successful, but Mrs. Hynes and Mrs. Buchanan had the opportunity to meet with an EPA representative for a debrief on our specific grant application and ways we could improve upon for the next submission. The EPA representative was very impressed by our application, and thought we hired a consultant. The EPA confirmed that we were very close to getting approved, they had 270 viable applications, 35 from our EPA region and they selected 3. Mrs. Hynes reported that Virginia DEQ received a grant for recycling data collection. Mrs. Hynes took a moment to thank Mrs. Buchanan for all her hard work. She did an amazing job writing the grants for the CVWMA. The EPA representative mentioned that there may be another round of grant opportunities in the next couple of months, so we'll be looking forward to that as well.

Mrs. Hynes reminded the board that next month's meeting will be held on April 19th, and we will meet in Richmond. We will have a presenter, Peel Labs, a Japanese company, who recently opened an office in Northern Virginia. They are making leather products out of pineapple leaves that would otherwise be discarded. They'll be bringing some of their products with them next month.

Lastly, Mrs. Hynes informed the board that at the end of next month our annual recycling rate report for 2023 is due to the DEQ and we will be presenting that at the April meeting as well.

Chairman Dunn reminded that board that the nominating committee is in need of a couple more people to join the committee which will be led by Ms. M. Kelley (M-Henrico). If you are interested in joining, please see Chairman Dunn or Ms. Kelley in the next few days. Ms. C. Glenn (M-Richmond) asked what about the function of the nominating committee. Chairman Dunn explained, the current officers' terms are for one year and expire June 30. The nominating committee will ask board members to serve in the various positions and will recommend a slate of officers to be elected by the Board for the next fiscal year.

Chairman Dunn reiterated next year is CVWMA's 35th anniversary and he would like to form a committee to work on anniversary activities. If any Board member is interested in helping, please see Chairman Dunn or Mrs. Hynes.

In closing, Chairman Dunn thanked Prince George Counting for hosting the Board.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunn opened the floor for a motion to adjourn the CVWMA Board of Directors meeting at 10:14 a.m. The motion was made by Mr. M. Jones (M-Richmond), Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. S. Chidsey (M-Ashland) and carried that the March 15, 2024, Board of Directors' meeting be adjourned.



CERTIFICATE

I, Robert Dunn, Chairman of the CVWMA, certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 15, 2024, regular meeting of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) Board of Directors. These minutes were adopted at a CVWMA Board meeting held at 9:00 a.m., April 19, 2024. Given under my hand and seal of the CVWMA this 19th day of April 2024.



Robert Dunn, Chairman