

**HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

May 4, 2026

PRESENT: A. Banks, B. J. Borne, R. B. Chewning, A. M. Collins, M. W. Light, P. S. Rhodes and S. D. Stevens: Also present: J. J. Ham, Attorney; A. L. Berry, K. D. Cekada and G. A. Thomasson, Staff.

ABSENT: M. S. Byler

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Banks called the regular monthly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Borne, the Board unanimously approved the minutes, dated April 6, 2026, as presented, by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye	Mr. Chewning - Aye	Mr. Rhodes - Aye
Mr. Borne - Aye	Mr. Collins - Aye	Mr. Stevens - Aye
Ms. Byler - Absent	Mr. Light - Aye	

APPROVAL OF FY 2027 BUDGET and FY 2027 – 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Mr. Thomasson reported that copies of the preliminary FY 2027 Budget and draft FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) were distributed to each of the member localities. Locality comments were requested by April 24, 2026. No comments were received.

Mr. Thomasson stated that a draft resolution to approve the FY 2027 Budget and FY 2027 – 2031 CIP was provided in the agenda package. He recommended adoption of the resolution as presented.

Upon motion of Mr. Chewning, seconded by Mr. Light, the Board unanimously approved the Budget and Capital Improvement Plan by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye	Mr. Chewning - Aye	Mr. Rhodes - Aye
Mr. Borne - Aye	Mr. Collins - Aye	Mr. Stevens - Aye
Ms. Byler - Absent	Mr. Light - Aye	

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Thomasson presented the results of the quarterly financial report dated March 31, 2026. The operating income before depreciation was \$1,595,776. Operating and maintenance expenses were \$158,121 under last year's actual expenses. The total net position is \$57,934,683.

TREASURER'S AND CASH BASIS REPORTS (APRIL)

Ms. Berry reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April 2026.

The April Treasurer's Report showed that the Authority received income of \$1,231,308 of which \$66,830 was revenue from the collection of septage and industrial solids treatment fees. Expenditures for April totaled \$651,103 of which \$519,021 was related to routine O&M expenses. Capital Outlay and Project expenses totaled \$132,082 for the month. Of this amount, payments included \$20,226 to Controls for Industry for repair/rebuild of a man lift motor and brake assembly at IPS #1; \$65,921 to Moyer Brothers Company for labor and materials to remove the flume liner at Ramblewood; \$10,140 to BMT USA for an incubator for the laboratory and \$12,239 to Hach for a Filtrax sample filtration system for the process analyzers. Total cash and investments as of April 30, 2026 totaled \$14,294,634.

Reviewing the April Cash Basis report, Ms. Berry noted that revenues were approximately 106% of budget. Expenses were approximately 82% of budget. The difference between revenues and expenses was approximately \$1,668,168.

OPERATIONS AND PRETREATMENT REPORT (MARCH)

- Operations Report

Mr. Thomasson reviewed the Operations Report for April 2026. The average effluent flow for April was 12.72 MGD with a maximum average daily flow of 14.48 MGD. The average total phosphorus (TP) concentration for April was 0.17 mg/L. Based on the data received to date, the average total nitrogen (TN) concentration for April 2026 is 2.18 mg/L.

The 2026 annual average concentration for TP through April 2026 is 0.16 mg/L compared to the annual average limit of 0.28 mg/L. The annual average concentration for TN through April 2026 is estimated to be 3.58 mg/L compared to the annual limit of 3.7 mg/L.

Mr. Thomasson stated that 703 wet tons of Class B dewatered biosolids were land applied in April. There was 338.5 wet tons of Class A biosolids distributed in April.

Mr. Thomasson stated that the PFOA and PFOS Class A and B sampling results from March 25, 2026 were well below the new regulatory threshold. Additional sampling occurred on April 28, 2026. Cargill's pretreatment permit has been transferred to Pitman Farms. HRRSA has entered into a new solids agreement with Pitman Farms.

- Pretreatment Cost Recovery Fees and Notices of Violations (NOVs)

Mr. Thomasson reported that six industrial users (Cargill, George's, Kerry, Organic Plant, Perdue, and SVO) were assessed treatment cost recovery fees for March 2026 totaling \$78,867.77.

Mr. Thomasson stated that two industrial users were issued NOVs for permit violations in March 2026. An NOV was issued to Organic Plant for 3 BOD5 and 2 TKN max daily limit

exceedances. An NOV was issued to SVO for 12 BOD5 and 2 TKN max daily limit exceedances.

- Pretreatment Updates

Kerry is currently under consent order and is not receiving NOVs. Mr. Thomasson reported that for the month of March 2026, Kerry reported 13 TKN maximum daily limit exceedances out of 13 samples. For the October 2025 – March 2026 monitoring period, Kerry was in significant noncompliance with the TKN technical review criteria and continues to be the only SIU in significant noncompliance.

Perdue is currently under consent order and is not receiving NOVs. Mr. Thomasson stated that for the month of March 2026, Perdue had two BOD5 and 1 TKN maximum daily limit exceedances.

CLOSED SESSION – SHENANDOAH VALLEY ORGANIC, LLC, ORGANIC PLANT, LLC, KERRY BROTH & STOCK COMPANY, AND PERDUE FOODS, LLC COMPLAINE WITH PRETREATMENT STANDARDS

Mr. Ham read the following statement: I move to recess into a closed meeting in order to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by the attorney, as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state code and consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members or consultants about actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the local government's negotiating or litigating posture, as authorize by section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the state code. The subject matter of the meeting and the litigation is Shenandoah Valley Organic, LLC, Organic Plant, LLC, Kerry Stock & Broth Company and Perdue Foods, LLC. compliance with pretreatment standards;

Upon motion of Mr. Light, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, the Board unanimously voted to go into closed session by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye	Mr. Chewning - Aye	Mr. Rhodes - Aye
Mr. Borne - Aye	Mr. Collins - Aye	Mr. Stevens - Aye
Ms. Byler - Absent	Mr. Light - Aye	

The Authority staff exited the meeting.

At the end of the closed session, Mr. Ham read the following statement:

With respect to the just concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matter as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board.

Any member believing that there was a departure from this certification shall so state prior to this vote indicating the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place.

Upon motion of Mr. Borne, seconded by Mr. Light, the Board unanimously voted to exit closed session by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye	Mr. Chewning - Aye	Mr. Rhodes - Aye
Mr. Borne - Aye	Mr. Collins - Aye	Mr. Stevens - Aye
Ms. Byler - Absent	Mr. Light - Aye	

PROJECT UPDATES

- Belt Filter Press Project

Mr. Thomasson stated the Authority issued RFP HRRSA-2026-01 on April 10, 2026 to install two belt filter presses in the solids handling building. Five contractors attended the mandatory preproposal meeting, only one proposal was received from English Construction Company, Inc. Mr. Thomasson contacted the other qualified contractors and they indicated that they did not have time to complete the work. The proposal exceeds the budgeted amount. Mr. Thomasson indicated that he would present an amended budget at a later date with no additional appropriation from the member localities.

Mr. Thomasson recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with English Construction Company Inc. to install two belt filter presses in accordance with RFP No. HRRSA-2026-01 in the amount of \$3,923,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Light seconded by Mr. Rhodes the Board unanimously voted for Mr. Thomasson to award a contract to English Construction not to exceed \$3,923,000 by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye	Mr. Chewning - Aye	Mr. Rhodes - Aye
Mr. Borne - Aye	Mr. Collins - Aye	Mr. Stevens - Aye
Ms. Byler - Absent	Mr. Light - Aye	

- Electrical Gear / MCC Improvements

Mr. Thomasson reported that Wiley|Wilson has completed a replacement study of MCC-3A, MCC-4A, and MCC-4B. The MCCs can be relocated into buildings 11 and 8. Mr. Thomasson stated that Board authorization to procure the MCCs may occur in August or September.

- Co-Digestion Evaluation and Optimization Study RFP

Mr. Thomasson stated that only one proposal was received and staff decided not to proceed on the proposal. An engineering RFP will be issued in the near future.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Banks set the next regular monthly meeting for Monday, June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Chewning, seconded by Mr. Light, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Banks - Aye

Mr. Borne - Aye

Ms. Byler - Absent

Mr. Chewning - Aye

Mr. Collins - Aye

Mr. Light - Aye

Mr. Rhodes - Aye

Mr. Stevens - Aye

S. D. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer

Attachments (2)