

**HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

August 31, 2026

PRESENT: A. Banks, B. J. Borne, M. S. Byler, 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.

VISITORS: M. Groome, Litten and Sipe

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the minutes, dated June 1, 2026 as presented.

TREASURER'S AND CASH BASIS REPORTS (JUNE & JULY)

Ms. Berry reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June and July 2026.

The June Treasurer's Report showed that the Authority received income of \$1,621,067 of which \$154,852 was revenue from the collection of septage and industrial solids treatment fees. Expenditures for June totaled \$905,133, of which \$674,701 was related to routine O&M expenses. Capital Outlay and Project expenses totaled \$230,433 for the month. Of this amount, payments included \$21,102 to Capital Electric for a CPU module, power supply, etc. for Belt Filter Press upgrades and a Milwaukee compact chain hoist: \$36,715 to Steven Honda for a 2026 Honda CRV: \$57,113 to English Construction for Dewatering Improvement project expenditures: \$11,396 to HRSD for VPDES permit renewal laboratory testing: \$48,775 to United Industrial Services for repair of the Flygt lift pump at IPS #1: \$27,285 to Vand Solutions for a sulfite analyzer and \$15,000 to Young's Mechanical Solutions for labor and materials to install an LG ductless split system at IPS #1. Total cash and investments as of June 30, 2026 totaled \$15,393,095.

The July Treasurer's Report showed that the Authority received income of \$1,755,902 of which \$103,227 was revenue from the collection of septage and industrial solids treatment fees. Expenditures for July totaled \$654,661 of which \$579,659 was related to routine O&M expenses. Capital Outlay and Project expenses totaled \$75,003 for the month. Of this amount, payments included \$12,745 to Chesapeake Environmental for a rotary lobe bare shaft pump for the fermenter vault: \$13,498 to Sherwood-Logan for a Flygt stator and rebuild kits and \$28,345 to ClearWater for a fiberglass shelter. Total cash and investments as of July 31, 2026, totaled \$16,494,336.

Reviewing the July Cash Basis report, Ms. Berry noted that revenues were approximately 125% of budget. Expenses were approximately 92% of budget. The difference between revenues and expenses was approximately \$233,851.

OPERATIONS AND PRETREATMENT REPORT (JUNE & JULY)

- Operations Report

Mr. Thomasson reviewed the Operations Report for June and July 2026. The average effluent flow for June was 13.06 MGD with a maximum daily flow of 16.77 MGD. The average effluent flow for July was 13.31 MGD with a maximum daily flow of 16.85 MGD. The average total phosphorus (TP) concentration for June and July was 0.23 mg/L and 0.48 mg/L, respectively. The average total nitrogen (TN) concentration for June and July was 2.62 mg/L and 3.24 mg/L, respectively.

The 2026 annual average concentration for TP through July 2026 is 0.25 mg/L compared to the annual average limit of 0.28 mg/L. The annual average concentration for TN through July 2026 is estimated to be 3.26 mg/L compared to the annual limit of 3.7 mg/L.

Mr. Thomasson stated that, in June 2026, 95 wet tons of Class A biosolids were distributed, and 139 wet tons of Class A biosolids were hauled to the landfill as daily cover. Houff land applied 838 wet tons of Class B biosolids.

Mr. Thomasson reported that the Authority performed additional PFOA and PFOS sampling on June 4, 2026 and all sampled results remain below the 25 ppb threshold.

- Pretreatment Updates

Mr. Thomasson stated that a new law passed by the Virginia General Assembly requires certain industrial users of POTWs to perform quarterly monitoring for PFAS. The POTWs are required to identify, determine applicability, and notify the industries subject to these requirements. So far, the only facilities the Authority has identified that are required to perform quarterly monitoring are the Rockingham County Landfill, Dynamic Aviation, and Lakeside Book Company.

From January – June 2026, Kerry remained in significant noncompliance with TKN for the chronic violations and the technical review criteria. From January – June 2026, the Organic Plant appears to be in significant non compliance with TKN for the technical review criteria. HRRSA plans on notifying the Organic Plant of the significant noncompliance status and will escalate enforcement action.

Mr. Thomasson reported that five industrial users (George's, Kerry, Organic Plant, Perdue, and SVO) were assessed treatment cost recovery fees for May 2026 totaling \$91,977. Four industrial users (George's, Organic Plant, Purdue, and SVO) were assessed treatment cost recovery fees for June 2026 totaling \$74,416.

Mr. Thomasson stated that George's, Organic Plant, and SVO were issued NOV's for permit violations in May 2026. An NOV was issued to George's for 2 BOD5 daily maximum violations. An NOV was issued to the Organic Plant for 2 BOD5, 2 TKN, and 1 TSS daily maximum violation. An NOV was issued to SVO for 7 BOD5 and the monthly average, 1 TSS, and 1 TKN violation.

Mr. Thomasson stated that George's, Organic Plant, and SVO were issued NOV's for permit violations in June 2026. An NOV was issued to George's for 1 BOD5 daily max violation. An NOV was issued to the Organic Plant for 4 BOD5 and 4 TKN violations. An NOV was issued to SVO for 3 BOD5 and the monthly average and 1 TSS violation.

Kerry is under consent order and is not receiving NOV's. Mr. Thomasson reported that for the month of May 2026, Kerry reported 9 TKN daily maximum limit exceedances out of 12 samples. However, Kerry was in compliance with all of their limitations in June 2026.

Perdue is currently under consent order and is not receiving NOV's. Mr. Thomasson stated that for the month of May 2026, Perdue had 13 BOD5, 1 TKN, and 1 TSS maximum daily limit exceedances. For the month of June 2026, Perdue had 10 BOD5, 3 TKN, 9 TP, 2 TSS, and 1 NO3/NO2 exceedance. Mr. Thomasson reported that Perdue notified HRRSA that the new FEB tank was placed back into service on July 31, 2026.

Mr. Thomason stated that annual pretreatment inspections have been completed on Dynamic Aviation, Kerry, and George's.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Professional Engineering Services RFP

Mr. Thomasson reported that the professional engineering services RFP was re-issued on July 21, 2026. The professional engineering services RFP closed on August 21, 2026 and 11 proposals were received. Mr. Thomasson stated that HRRSA plans to request board approval on November 2, 2026 to enter into an agreement to provide engineering services.

- Belt Filter Presses Project

Mr. Thomasson stated that the Authority has entered into a contract with English Construction to purchase and install the belt filter presses. Submittals are being received and reviewed.

- Electrical Gear / Motor Control Center (MCC) Improvements

Wiley|Wilson has completed the preliminary design for MCC-3A, MCC-4A, and MCC-4B replacement project. A bid package should be ready by later this fiscal year.

- Digester #1 Cleaning and Dryer Maintenance

Moyer Brothers is currently cleaning digester #1 and the annual dryer maintenance is complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Selection of Nomination Committee for Board Officer (2026-2027)

Chairman Banks stated that all Board Officers' terms expire next month and that in accordance with the Authority's by-laws the existing Board Officers may not be reappointed in their current position for another term or year. Chairman Banks asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to select potential board officers. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Chewning volunteered to serve on the committee.

- Approval of Board Meeting Dates (2026–2027)

Mr. Thomasson stated that a proposed 2026 – 2027 Board Meeting Schedule memo was included in the Board Meeting agenda package. Mr. Thomasson reviewed the tentative dates for the 2026 – 2027 Board Meetings.

Upon motion of Mr. Light, seconded by Mr. Rhodes the Board unanimously approved the meeting dates for 2026–2027 as recommended.

- FY 2026 Financial Audit

Mr. Thomasson indicated that Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates (RFCA) will be on-site starting September 21, 2026 to perform the audit fieldwork.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Banks set the annual and next regular monthly meeting for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Chewning, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

S. D. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer