

AT A MEETING OF THE NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026, AT NOON,
NRRRA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA:

- PRESENT: Mr. Steve Fijalkowski, Chairman
Mr. Tom Starnes, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Anthony Akers, Alternate
Mr. Paul Baker, Member
Mr. Barry Helms, Member
Ms. Debbie Lyons, Member
Mr. Mike Mooney, Member
- ABSENT: Mr. Robert Asbury, Member
Mr. Dirk Compton, Member
- STAFF: Mr. Joseph Levine, NRRRA Executive Director
Ms. Monica Furrow, NRRRA Assistant Secretary
Mr. Howard Estes, NRRRA Legal Counsel
Mr. Ike Snider
Mr. Adam Slaughter
Mr. Brandon Atkins
Mr. Nate Hurst
Mr. Josh Owens
Mr. Isaac Slade Wall
- GUESTS: Mr. Adam Murray, Thompson & Litton, Inc.
Mr. Andrew Monk, Thompson & Litton, Inc.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Fijalkowski called the meeting to order. An invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

II. Approval of February 25, 2026, Agenda:

The motion to approve the February 25, 2026, Agenda was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and approved by a recorded roll-call vote of the Authority Board as follows:

Mr. Akers	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Mooney	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>
Ms. Lyons	<u>yes</u>		

Mr. Fijalkowski welcomed Mr. Anthony Akers, sitting in for Pulaski County.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The motion to approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Baker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helms and approved by a recorded roll-call vote of the Authority Board as follows:

Mr. Akers	<u>abstain</u>	Mr. Mooney	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>
Ms. Lyons	<u>abstain</u>		

Ms. Lyons originally voted yes for the approval of the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes but changed her vote to abstain.

IV. Old Business:

1. Tazewell Emergency Agreement:

Mr. Levine stated that Tazewell County reached out previously asking for an emergency agreement with the New River Resource Authority. Tazewell County was asking for a status update and to bring the agreement back as Old Business. Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, Giles County, and the City of Radford have each approved resolutions for the Authority to enter into an agreement with Tazewell. Pulaski County and the Town of Dublin have not considered such a resolution.

Mr. Mooney asked if the Authority has an emergency agreement with any other authorities. Mr. Levine answered that the Authority has emergency agreements with the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA), Smyth County, and Patrick County. The agreement with RVRA is a reciprocating agreement, meaning they can bring waste to us, and we can haul waste to them.

Mr. Mooney asked if there had ever been an emergency in which the Authority had to go somewhere else. Mr. Levine answered that there had not been.

Mr. Helms asked if the whole Authority had to go to the same location with the emergency agreements. Mr. Levine answered that different members could go to different locations.

Mr. Fijalkowski stated that the only action needed now is for Pulaski County and the Town of Dublin to take a vote. Mr. Fijalkowski also stated that the agreement is an issue that does not cost the Authority anything; it only benefits the Authority. Further stating that, if it comes time for an emergency, the Authority needs to have something in place now.

Mr. Mooney asked if the Authority had ever received anything from Tazewell. Mr. Levine answered no; the Authority can only receive waste from the service area.

To assist with consideration, Mr. Howard Estes will provide the resolution that will be sent to Pulaski County and the Town of Dublin.

V. New Business:

A. Items of Consent:

1. Transaction by Vendor Report:

The Transaction by Vendor Report for the month of January 2026 was presented.

The motion to approve the Transaction by Vendor Report for the month of January 2026 was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and approved by a recorded roll-call vote of the Authority Board as follows:

Mr. Akers	<u>abstain</u>	Mr. Mooney	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Helms	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Fijalkowski	<u>yes</u>
Ms. Lyons	<u>yes</u>		

2. Draft Financial Statements:

The Draft Financial Statements as of January 31, 2026, were presented.

The motion to approve the Draft Financial Statements as of January 31, 2026 was made by Mr. Helms. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lyons and approved by a roll-call vote of the Authority Board as follows:

Mr. Akers	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Mooney	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Baker	<u>yes</u>	Mr. Starnes	<u>yes</u>

Mr. Helms yes
Ms. Lyons yes

Mr. Fijalkowski yes

B. Administrative Items:

1. Patrick County Request:

Mr. Levine stated that Patrick County has requested Board consideration for becoming a customer of the Authority. There are no details of an agreement; the request is being brought to the Board for consideration to be brought to the individual members for consideration. The anticipated amount of waste that will be brought to the landfill is 9,000 tons per year. If approved by the individual members, a permit modification and an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan will be required.

Mr. Mooney asked if the Authority were to get the waste from Patrick County; would it help tip fees stabilize? Mr. Levine answered that Thompson and Litton (T+L) performs a tip fee analysis every year.

He continued, stated that, according to T+L's analysis, it shows a three-to-five-year period of rate stabilization assuming 225,000 tons per year, pending economic changes and other variable factors, and that this additional waste stream would help reach that tonnage level.

Mr. Fijalkowski talked about the issue of airspace with regards to accepting new customers, asking if Areas A through F were filled if the Authority would have to shut down.

Mr. Levine answered that the Authority owns 950 acres; the permitted area is 552 acres, with 350 acres considered operational areas. Mr. Levine further stated that the landfill currently has more options if Areas A through F were to be filled.

The motion to move forward with consideration of the Patrick County request was made by Mr. Baker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helms and approved by a recorded roll-call vote the Authority Board as follows:

Mr. Akers abstain
Mr. Baker yes
Mr. Helms yes
Ms. Lyons yes

Mr. Mooney yes
Mr. Starnes yes
Mr. Fijalkowski yes

C. Reports:

1. Executive Director Report:

Mr. Levine presented the Executive Director's Report. Included in the report is the waste stream for January 2026 and an operational summary. In summary of the balance sheet, revenues are 16.3% above projections, and expenses are 3.9% below to date. A total of 15,749.17 tons of waste was managed in January 2026. The amount transferred to the Reserve Fund for January 2026 was \$171,613.86. The total year-to-date transferred to the Reserve Fund is \$1,497,942.05. On January 15, Ike Snider informed Greg Osborne with the City of Radford that there have been cows on Ingles Landfill. Fencing securing the facility has since been repaired. On January 20 and February 5, NRRRA staff met with SCS Engineers to discuss Archaea gas calculation. Mr. Levine noted that there are several compliance submittals due in the upcoming months.

2. Engineering:

Mr. Levine presented the Engineering section of the Agenda.

Mr. Monk stated that the Authority is not lacking in airspace, and that the tip fee analysis over the recent years has showed that 225,000 tons per year will help stabilize rates with more than adequate airspace available to accommodate the tonnage.

Mr. Levine stated that the Authority has received a notice of Significant Noncompliance from the Pepper's Ferry Wastewater treatment plant due to elevated ammonia levels.

Mr. Adam Murray from Thompson and Litton reviewed a memo that Thompson and Litton wrote regarding the elevated ammonia levels. Mr. Adam Murray stated that Pepper's Ferry wants a short-term solution by April 20 and a long-term solution by May 15. Mr. Murray stated that when Pepper's Ferry is done with their treatment process, the ammonia is undetectable. A copy of this memo will be attached to these minutes.

Mr. Estes asked if there was any threat to human health or the environment. Mr. Murray responded that there was not.

Mr. Levine stated that Pepper's Ferry is going to amend the permit to allow the Authority to test in the fall.

Mr. Starnes asked in the past five years if there had been any other nonconformities. Mr. Levine noted that a similar situation occurred last December when colder weather set in. A derecho passed through Cell Three and damaged the rain cover, resulting in the Authority treating clean stormwater. The additional dilution returned ammonia levels to permit compliance.

VI. Public Comments:

The Chairman invited Public Comments.

No comments were presented.

VII Adjourn:

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Starnes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker and approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

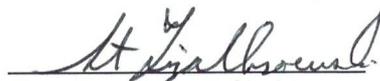
The next scheduled meeting of the Authority Board is Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 12:00, (NOON), at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road Dublin, VA 24084.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica Furrow,
Assistant Secretary

Approved at March 18, 2026 Board Meeting.



Steve Fijalkowski, Chairman



Dirk Compton, Secretary



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PEPPER'S FERRY
REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY

Memorandum

To: Terri Easter, Director of Administration
From: Sarita D. Shelor, Director of Environmental Compliance
Subject: New River Resource Authority
Date: February 17, 2026

Please post this in the Southwest Times Newspaper on February 27, 2026, in the *Public Notice* section.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority lists the following local industry in **SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE** with the requirements of 40 CFR part 403 (General Pretreatment Regulations) for the period covering July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Industry: **New River Resource Authority**

Address: 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road
Dublin, VA 24084

Violation: Significant Noncompliance with the Code of Federal Regulations 403.8 (f)(2)(vii) and the local Enforcement Response Plan. The industry was in Chronic violation by discharging wastewater containing more than 264 mg/L of Ammonia-Nitrogen for greater than sixty-six (66) percent of the daily maximum limit of their permit during the period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Action Taken: Notice of Violations were issued for the Ammonia-Nitrogen exceedances. New River Resource Authority has contracted with an engineering firm to implement short-term and long-term corrective measures to return to consistent program compliance.



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PUBLIC COMMENT
REGISTRATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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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