

# SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION EDGAR FILING

## Meridian Waste Solutions, Inc.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br>Cowee Thomas J<br><small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Meridian Waste Solutions, Inc. [MRDN] |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| 6304 REGIMENT PL<br><small>(Street)</small>   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/02/2017                       |  |   |  |
| COLLEYVILLE, TX 76034<br><small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

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|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price              |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.025 per share | 10/02/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 6,061<br><u>(1)</u>   | A          | \$ 0<br><u>(1)</u> | 17,409  | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cowee Thomas J<br>6304 REGIMENT PL<br>COLLEYVILLE, TX 76034 | X             |           |         |       |

**Signatures**

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| /s/ Thomas J. Cowee                          | 10/04/2017          |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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