



**RIB MOUNTAIN  
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*"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."*

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 12, 2024**

Commission President, Robert Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 11:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Commission Members Present: Robert Stavran, James Pauls, Thomas Kipp, James Strehlow, Keith Biedermann.

**Also Present:** Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk; Randy Langer of Strand; George Peterson, President, Village of Rothschild and Michael Wodalski, Village of Weston and Ryan Van de Walle, Village of Rothschild on recorded Zoom.

**Commission Members Absent:** None.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from February 8,2024, and Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024, and Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL** - Mr. Biedermann made a motion to approve the following February checks and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

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| Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan    | \$                          |
| Equipment Replacement CK# 831 & 832       | \$ 82,159.90                |
| General Checks -Prepaid CK# 30434 & 30435 | \$ 354.57                   |
| General Checks CK# 30441 - 30471          | \$ 186,051.40               |
| Manual/Auto Payments                      | \$ 65,075.84                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b><u>\$ 333,641.71</u></b> |

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS- PHASE II BIDS w/Possible Action on Contract Award-**

CD Smith Construction was the lowest bid at \$17,214,000. A lengthy discussion was held regarding construction and the Solar Array project with Randy of Strand explaining the process and advantages of the Solar Array project also, including it in the Phase II Project. Eric stated he will attend the Plan Commission meeting for the Conditional Use permit to be requested through the Village of Rib Mountain.

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the contract to CD Smith Construction contingent upon their submission/copy of their Safety Manual and Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed with unanimous consent.

Robert Stavran, President suggested a separate motion to approve the Solar Photovoltaic System in the amount of \$1,301,926. Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the Solar Project and seconded by Mr. Pauls. A roll call vote was taken and passed with unanimous consent. Strand will start the process to execute the contract. The Commission will need to sign the Notice to proceed, once received. The contract total approved amount is \$ 18,515,926 which includes the Solar Array.

**DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**Budget Comparison Report** – Donaldson explained our higher expenses due to sludge hauling preparation and reviewed our revenue.

**Asset/Replacement Request** – We are currently selling the RAM2500. If no interest then, will put on WI Surplus. Discussion on new computer replacements to be on the April Agenda.

**PLANT REPORT** – Rothschild Flow Data Request - Ryan VanDeWalle from Rothschild Zoomed into the meeting and during the introduction indicated that Rothschild had some concerns about the flow data used to bill Rothschild. VanDeWalle left the meeting before the issue was discussed under Plant Report. Eric Donaldson indicated that though Donaldson did not know what Ryan was going to say, Donaldson has been sending flow data to Rothschild over the past year and a half. Donaldson indicated that RMMSD monitors flow at the Community stations, at the influent to the plant, recycle stream flows and effluent flow. Donaldson added that the database does the necessary calculations for billing and shows if any flows are higher or lower than should be. Donaldson indicated that Donaldson explained this to Rothschild multiple times however Rothschild continue to request data even though the only data they have to compare to is Rothschild's groundwater pumpage reports which, indicate Rothschild pumps more water out of the ground than Rothschild sends to RMMSD. Donaldson indicated he invited Rothschild employees on a tour of the sample stations, plant and data base.

**High Influent & Effluent BOD** – Donaldson stated February influent numbers were similar to January, we are compliant. Mr. Woldalski stated they are working with Badger Labs and looking into the Cedar creek & Hardees Station to pinpoint the location of higher numbers. Donaldson stated we will be doing community samples and will get the information to Woldalski.

**Sludge PFAS Test Results** – Donaldson indicated the samples were sent to State Lab of Hygiene and the results for PFOA & PFOS were over 20 and under 50. MEG, Strand & DNR were notified of the results.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Phase II Construction Update** – Donaldson noted that he had a phone discussion with LW Allen regarding lead times on motor control centers and should not be an issue.

**PH Issue Update** – Donaldson stated there were no spikes for February.

**Crystal Finishing Update** – No updates this month.

**Bank Account Summary** – Reviewed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Room Equipment Discussion** – No updates this month. Waiting for a quote for TV on cart option.

**Applied Laser Technology Discharge** – No updates this month.

**Discussion of RMMSD Website** – We currently use GoDaddy and have looked into other options.

A decision was made to email the Agenda Packets to Commissioners instead of mailing them out, going forward.

**ADJOURNED** - At 1:40 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Questioned and unanimously passed.

*Note: A tape of the proceedings of the Public Hearings & Regular Meetings are on file for approximately 90 days at the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 151401 Aster Road, Wausau, WI.*

Sandra E. Balz  
Administrative Clerk

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