

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

PRESENT: Commissioners: James Pauls, Craig Mortensen, Keith Biedermann, Bob Stavran.

ABSENT: Commissioner Strehlow was excused

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Admin. Clerk; Jeff Gates, City of Mosinee, Mike Heyroth, Rib Mtn. Water Utility, Ed Jensen, Gerald Klein, Village of Rib Mtn. Michael Wodalski, Weston Utilities. Thomas Kipp, Jim Nauta, Darin Westover & Mark Clark; Rib Mountain Residents. And Ryan Vandewalle, Village of Rothschild Administrator and Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator joined the meeting via Zoom.

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

2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Donaldson stated that he e-mailed a copy of the Metro’s 2024 Draft Budget to each of the Communities, and he has received responses which were distributed to the Commission.

Add'l. Documents: Current Municipal Water/Sewer Rate Comparison Chart
A Facilities Plan Phase II Summary of Improvement Costs

A lengthy discussion, along with comments and questions from the public were addressed by President Stavran and Director Donaldson; along with questions regarding the Facility Plan Phase #2 upgrade and rate increase that would be passed on to the Communities.

After all public questions, comments and concerns were addressed; Mr. Stavran suggested a change in Commissioner wages per meeting from \$150.00 to \$100.00. Mr. Biederman seconded the motion.

A motion was then made to approve the amended 2024 Budget in the amount of \$ 4,060,615. by Mr. Stavran; seconded by Mr. Mortensen and by means of a roll call vote, unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Mortensen made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes held September 12, 2023. Mr. Biedermann seconded this motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER - Mr. Biedermann made a motion to approve the following September 2023 Check Register. Mr. Pauls seconded the motion. Questioned and after discussion unanimously passed.

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| General Prepaid Checks | \$74,781.16 |
| Asset Prepaid Checks | \$.00 |
| General Checks # 30281-30310 | \$132,722.78 |
| Equip. Repl. Checks # | \$.00 |
| Debt Service Interest Payment | \$25,304.51 |

COMMISSIONER APPLICATION PROCESS – After discussion with Mr. Leonhard, County Administrator, The Commission and Mr. Donaldson will schedule and conduct interviews with the 3 candidates currently applying for the open “appointed” seat at the Metro. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future, with Mr. Leonhard in attendance. Mr. Donaldson will have questions prepared for candidates and share those with the Commissioners and Mr. Leonhard.

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Reviewed

Asset/Replacement – A new Pickup Truck will be purchased through Brickner’s. A Dodge 2500 with plow and lift gate is approximately \$67,285. Mr. Donaldson stated that we will sell the 2017 RAM 2500ST to put towards the cost.

Plant Report – Mr. Donaldson reviewed and reported that the plant is running well and meeting required limits.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Facility Planning / Phase #2 Update – Our 90% meeting will be in December regarding the Design reports.

Influent pH Issue Update – A spike was detected at Cedar Creek station and an email was sent to Weston and Wausau Tile.

Crystal Finishing Update – Nothing to report this month.

At 1:08 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mortensen and seconded by Mr. Pauls. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Note: A recording of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting will be on file at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District 15141 Aster Road – Wausau, WI for 90 days.

Sandra E. Balz
Administrative Clerk

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