

## 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2023

Commission President, Bob Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 9:31 a.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Commission Members Present: Bob Stavran, James Pauls, James Strehlow, Craig Mortensen and Keith Biedermann.

Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk, Jeff Gates, Mosinee City Administrator and Ryan VanDeWalle; Administrator Village of Rothschild; on recorded Zoom.

Commission Members absent: None

**2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP** – The 2024 Budget was reviewed and discussed at length, along with Phase II project.

At 10:56 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Mortensen to go into Closed Session Pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c). Questioned and by means of roll call vote, was unanimously passed.

The Commission proceeded into Closed Session. After a discussion was held regarding the 2024 Wage and Benefit Package for the Metro Employees; a motion was made by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Mortensen and approved with unanimous consent regarding the 4% increase in salaries.

At 11:16 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Mortensen and seconded by Mr. Strehlow to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. Questioned and by means of roll call vote was unanimously passed.

Commissioner compensation was discussed at length. Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pauls to increase the Commissioner pay to \$150.00 per meeting in 2024.

A Motion to Adjourn Budget Workshop made by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Strehlow and was passed with unanimous consent.

**REGULAR MEETING** – Called to Order at 11:34 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Mortensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023 and seconded by Mr. Pauls. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT/REPLACEMENT** – A lengthy discussion was held regarding our process and the WI State Statutes 200.09 (1)(a). Mr. Donaldson made note that we are waiting on a reply from Lance Leonard; Administrator of Marathon County. In the meantime; Mr. Stavran made a request to have Mr. Donaldson send our applications to those requesting one and then present to Commissioners for review of those applications.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL** - The Commission reviewed the Check Register, and a motion was made by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Motion was carried.

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| General Prepaid Checks         | \$ | 369.07     |
| Asset/Capital Improv.          | \$ | 0.00       |
| General Checks - # 30147-30280 | \$ | 152,913.49 |

## DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Budget Comparison Report** – Reviewed and discussed.

**Asset/Replacement Request** – Eric gave update on the below items.

**Pickup Truck Replacement** – 2017 RAM Pickup with gate and plow needs to be replaced. Mr. Donaldson will obtain quotes and lead times from various dealers.

**Primary Sludge Pump Replacement** - 4 new piston pumps are needed. Bids will be obtained.

**Plant Report** – Eric gave an update.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Facility Planning -Phase #2 Update-** 60% meeting with drawings held in October.

**Influent PH Issue** – No PH spikes in the last month.

**Crystal Finishing Update** – Up and running. They will do monthly sampling and send data to the Metro.

**Motion to Approve 2024 Tentative Budget-** A motion was made by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Mortensen to approve the tentative 2024 Budget; as presented, in the amount of \$ 4,063,843. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**Schedule 2024 Budget Public Hearing:** The RMMSD Public Hearing will be **October 10, 2023**.

**ADJOURN** - At 12:29 p.m., with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Mortensen. Passed with unanimous consent.

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

Sandra E. Balz  
Administrative Clerk

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