**REGULAR MEETING MARCH 14, 2017**

Commission President, Bob Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 11:30 a.m. Commission Members Present: Galen Olson, Jim Strehlow and Paul Wirth. Excused: Tom Wittkopf. Also Present: Phil Budde and Kevin Hopkins of Strand Associates; Diane Thorn, Clark Dietz; Ken Johnson, Manager/Superintendent and Katherine Kunze, Administrative Clerk/Secretary.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Strehlow to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting. Questioned and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 Closed Meeting. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL**

Mr. Wirth made a motion to approve the following February Prepaid 2017 Checks and the March 2017 Check Register, with Mr. Olson seconding the motion. Questioned and after discussion was unanimously passed.

General Prepaid $28,295.74

Equip Repl. Prepaid Check $.00

General Checks #26300 - #26336 & #26341 $134,690.20

Equip. Repl. Check #577 - #578 $9,250.00

Asset/Cap Imp. Checks $.00

**FACILITIES AND GROUNDS UPGRADE**

The Commission reviewed the March 13, 2017 Monthly Engineering Progress Report prepared by Strand Associates.

**Amend Strand’s Contract** - Mr. Budde and Mr. Hopkins of Strand Associates shared their thoughts about some project changes Mr. Johnson addressed during their meeting on January 31, 2017 that would reduce the Scope of Phase 1 for the Metro’s Wastewater Improvement Project. Thusly, lowering the cost of Phase 1 significantly (approximately $4,816,000). A discussion was held at length regarding the proposed ”Amended Engineering Services Agreement”. During this discussion Mr. Hopkins gave the Commission an “Updated Opinion of the Probable Cost”. After further discussion was held and questions answered, a motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Strehlow to reduce the Scope of Phase 1 as presented. Questioned and unanimously passed.

After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Olson that the Metro proceed with the revised Scope of Phase 1. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**MERCURY AGREEMENT**

Mr. Johnson pointed out the Contract Agreement for the Mercury Reduction Program for 2017 in the amount of $2,500. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Wirth and seconded by Mr. Olson to sign this agreement. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**MANAGER-SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Budget Comparison Report – None – Auditors are coming in next week.

Asset/Replacement

* The agreement for the new tractor has been signed.
* The flow meters are being recalculated.

Plant Report – Reviewed.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Johnson explained a situation that the Metro had with Modern Sewer and how it was handled.

Mr. Johnson updated the Commission on the status of finding a replacement for himself.

At 12:40 p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Wirth. Questioned and unanimously passed.

A tape of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting are on file at the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 2001 Aster Road, Wausau, WI.

Kathi Kunze

Administrative/Clerk Secretary