



RIB MOUNTAIN

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Robert Stavran, Thomas Kipp, Keith Beidermann, Darin Westover

Members Absent: Kevin Breit (excused)

Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director, Andy Heise, Superintendent, Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk, Evan Hunsanger, Strand Associates. (Online) Laura Tofflemire, Muniworth and Michael Miller.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by **Mr. Kipp** and seconded by **Mr. Beidermann** to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Check Register Approval

Check register was reviewed and discussed.

Questions were raised regarding chemical costs and chemical tank usage.

Director Donaldson provided an update on chemical pricing, supply, alternate chemical trials, and delivery logistics.

A motion to approve the check register was made by **Mr. Westover**, seconded by **Mr. Kipp**.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. CMAR – Resolution #112 (2025 Report)

The Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2025 was reviewed.

Discussion included influent BOD loading, commercial contributions, and long-term considerations such as eventual nitrogen limits and potential future plant upgrades.

A motion to approve the **2025 CMAR (Resolution #112)** was made by **Mr. Kipp** and seconded by **Mr. Westover**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Director / Superintendent Reports

Budget Comparison

- At 5 months (41–42% of the year), revenues were at approximately 46%.
- Total expenses were approximately 27%, below budgeted levels.
- Financial position remains strong.

Asset Replacement Requests

- **Sludge mixing pump:** Delivery expected in August.
- **Chopper pump:** Ordered; awaiting arrival. Both units planned for installation before fall hauling season.

Plant Report

- Flows remain higher than recent years, similar to pre-COVID levels.
 - Trucked waste volumes remain steady; hauler access is improved this year due to construction layout.
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5. Old Business

Phase II Construction Update

- Secondary digester roof removed; blasting and preparation work progressing ahead of last year's pace.
- Evoqua inspection scheduled.
- Two primary clarifiers and both DAF units expected to be operational by week's end.
- No contractor pay request submitted this month due to delays in shop drawing submittals.
- Step screen repaired; warranty determination remains under review.
- Multiple fire alarms triggered by construction dust; District will issue formal notice to contractor.

Solar Array Tracking

- Latest solar production report reviewed.
- May 2026 utility bill showed substantial savings from solar generation.

- Discussion ensured understanding of WPS billing, avoided energy charges, demand charges, and calculation methodology.
- Estimated savings for May: approximately **\$6,800**.

Influent pH Issue

- No recent pH spikes. Monitoring equipment being serviced.

Applied Laser Technology

- No new updates.

Account Summary

- Reviewed; ongoing improvements noted.

Audit Update

- 2025 audit completed earlier in the year and has been shared with member communities.
 - Board commended office staff for excellent preparation.
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6. New Business

Muniworth -Horizon Budget & Forecasting Software

A presentation from **Muniworth (Laura Tofflemire)** was provided via Zoom.

- Software provides monthly forecasting using historical data.
- Annual subscription cost: **\$6,000**, with **5% annual increase**.
- Designed to assist with budgeting, early variance detection, and staff transitions.
- Board requested references and additional information before making any decision.

No action taken.

7. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, a motion made by **Mr. Kipp** to adjourn was made and seconded by **Mr. Westover**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at **12:48 p.m.**