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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2025

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

ROLL CALL - Members Present: Robert Stavran, Keith Biedermann, Thomas Kipp, Darin Westover and Kevin Breit.

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk, and Ryan Van de Walle of Rothschild on Zoom video.

Commission Members Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025, and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL – Reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the following July checks and Mr. Breit seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 930, 931	\$ 881,047.10
Equipment Replacement Ck#	\$
General Checks CK# 30964-30987	\$ 79,700.00
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 75,975.32
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,036,792.42</u>

2024 FINAL AUDIT APPROVAL- Audit timing and Single audit costs were discussed. The Single audit will be part of the project costs. Mr. Breit made a motion to approve the Audit and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussed.

Asset/Replacement Requests

Influent pH issue-Update

Doors Replacement – A discussion was held regarding quotes for three doors to be replaced.

Mr. Donaldson stated we should go with Urban Construction with a quote of \$18,400.00 as CD Smith does not want to add this to our project. We will use Capital dollars to replace 3 doors, installed & painted.

Mr. Breit made a motion to approve the Urban Construction quote for \$18,400.00. and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PLANT REPORT – Reviewed and discussed. Topic of sludge storage disposal and cost was brought up by commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase II Construction Update- Mr. Donaldson gave an update on the project and advised the Commission regarding the primary digester and the final inspection prior to the final roof replacement and the cost involved. Mr. Donaldson stated that Northwind's will be putting invertors in for the Solar array before August 29, 2025, and work with Pieper and WPS to get the Solar array online. Donaldson added that there has been a reduction in blower time that we attribute to the new flexible membranes in the aeration basin. The primary digester cover is to be put back on August 19th. Discussion regarding a possible robot mower for maintaining the grass under the Solar array.

CD Smith Pay Request #13: Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve Pay Request #13 in the amount of \$823,937.10. Mr. Breit seconded the motion. Motion carried. This request is for work completed in June.

Influent pH Issue – No update. We will continue to monitor.

Account Summary – Reviewed.

Applied Laser Technology Update –No update.

Community Luncheon – Friday, August 15th at 11:30 am.; approx. 20 people between employees and community staff, will attend the Metro Picnic lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan for 2025 Audit – We will be in contact with Auditors in October 2025 to speed up the audit processing for next year's audit.

WWOA conference- is October 14th-17th this year. Commissioners can also attend the conference.

Discussion on Metro Limits for Crystal Finishing – A discussion between commissioners regarding our Metro sulfate limit which, has existed in our Sewer Use Ordinance since opening in 1985. It was suggested to contact the DNR and do further research with other WWTP's.

ADJOURNED - At 12:53 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Kipp seconded by Mr. Breit. Questioned and unanimously passed.