



**RIB MOUNTAIN
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

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"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."

DIRECTOR:
Eric Donaldson

SUPERINTENDENT:
Andy Heise

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2024

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

ROLL CALL - Commission Members Present: Robert Stavran, Keith Biedermann & Thomas Kipp, Darin Westover

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk, and Mike Heyroth; V. of Rib Mountain. Also, Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Administrator; Ryan VandeWalle, Village Administrator for Rothschild and Mike Wodalski, Village of Weston on zoom.

Commission Members Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Westover made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024, and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL - Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the following December checks and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK#	\$
General Checks -Prepaid -30751-30770	\$ 131,932.25
General Checks CK# 30773-30779	\$ 5,622.34
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 82,616.77
TOTAL	<u>\$ 220,171.36</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussed.

Asset/Replacement Request – Weston sample station roof to be updated. Mr. Donaldson stated we are still waiting for additional quotes.

PLANT REPORT – Reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase II Construction Update & CD Smith Pay Request: Mr. Donaldson gave an update on the project and advised the Commission regarding the WPS billing for the year and usage. Mr. Stavran suggested a monthly update at each meeting. Average of \$16,000 a month.

A change order was presented by Mr. Donaldson regarding the construction project which was reviewed and discussed. The Solar Array project change order is for extra design, materials, and labor it will take Northwind for the solar install. Mr. Donaldson indicated that the racking system for the solar array not only caused a delay in installation but the subcontractor, Northwind Solar, is now asking for an additional (approximate) cost of \$45,000 due to the changed racking system. Donaldson added that Northwind indicated that the shallow bedrock was the reason why the different racking system is needed and that information on bedrock levels was provided Prebid.

Mr. Donaldson indicated that his conversation with Joe at Focus on energy was that Joe would try to get the full \$50,000 award if Donaldson could get a firm date that RMMSD would be receiving a benefit from. Donaldson added that Strand provided information that settling the change order would at worst, result in a 13-year payback and at best a 12-year payback and this included an additional 10% from the federal government due to its being located next to a coal power plant.

Mr. Stavran added that a special meeting could be scheduled to ask questions of Northwind Solar, if necessary.

Influent pH Issue – No update. Sampling continues.

Crystal Finishing Update – Monthly report received. Donaldson asked if Commissioners would like a monthly report for them to review. Mr. Stavran stated that a monthly report to the commission would not be necessary, but Mr. Donaldson will continue to review them.

Account Summary – Reviewed.

Applied Laser Technology Update –No update; now compliant and DNR working on permitting.

Commissioner Search Update- New Candidate Kevin Breit of retired Director of Public Works, Mosinee & Alex Vedvick; Village of Kronenwetter Trustee, are up for commissioner consideration.

A vote was taken, and unanimously, all voted for Kevin Breit, retired Director of Public Works. A letter to Marathon County Administrator will be sent and this will go in front of Marathon County Board of Supervisors for approval at their February meeting. Kevin Breit would replace James Pauls who passed away on October 4, 2024, and his commission would expire on August 11, 2029.

ADJOURNED - At 12:30 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Kipp seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Sandra E. Balz, Administrative Clerk

Date Approved