



**RIB MOUNTAIN
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

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"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."

DIRECTOR:
Eric Donaldson

SUPERINTENDENT:
Andy Heise

BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025

Commission President, Robert Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent, Jacob Arttus and Evan Hunsanger of Strand Associates, Karley Krupp of CD Smith and Matt Rice of Northwind Solar. Ryan VandeWalle of Rothschild and Paul Seefeldt of Mosinee on Zoom.

Commission Members Absent: Sandra Balz were excused.

2026 BUDGET HEARING – Mr. Donaldson presented the 2026 Budget with revisions to the Health Insurance (to include the HSA money) and answered the Commissioners questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Biedermann to approve the Budget in the amount of **\$4,282,732**. Questioned and by means of roll call vote, was unanimously passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2025, and Mr. Breit seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 935 & 936	\$ 2,860,843.92
General Checks -Prepaid/Manual	\$ 58,120.49
General Checks CK# 31015-31036	\$ 48,386.67
	\$
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,967,351.08</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussion.

Asset/Replacement Requests - Mr. Donaldson stated no new information on the new sample station. Still waiting for the contract. Eric will contact Mr. Breit if he is unable to get ahold of contractor regarding the project.

Plant Report - Reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE II - Construction Update & Pay App #15 for approval- Eric noted that the second force main is installed and all four aeration basins have proper aeration which helps lower the blower run time.

The deadline for chemical room was October 2, 2025, which is now behind contract and Strand has been advised of our disappointment.

A motion was made to approve pay app #15 in the amount of \$ 2,785,893.92 by Mr. Breit and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Motion was carried.

Solar update- Eric noted that in July the completion date was discussed with Northwind Solar and the FOE credit dates. Matt Rice of Northwind stated that they are waiting for materials that are still needed to complete the project and get solar array up and working. Matt also noted; post construction an inspection with the City of Wausau is needed and WPS testing which would require a plant shut down of 2-4 hours.

Mr. Donaldson stated that November 30th is the deadline for receiving a benefit or we lose at least \$25,000 through FOE. Federal Grant money through IRS is also expected; however, it is not guaranteed.

Influent pH Issue- No update.

Crystal Finishing Update – Eric sent a letter to Crystal Finishing, and an email was sent from Mark Matthiae on October 7, 2025, stating that they would not be attending our meeting and no further requests will be made from Crystal Finishing regarding their waste disposal.

Applied Laser Tech Update – Mr. Donaldson stated we are still waiting for their permit from DNR.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNED - At 12:22 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Breit and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Questioned and unanimously passed.

***Note:** A tape of the proceedings of the Public Hearings & Regular Meetings is on file for approximately 90 days at the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 151401 Aster Road, Wausau, WI.*

Sandra E. Balz, Administrative Clerk

Date Approved