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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026

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.

Commission Members Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026, and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL – Reviewed and discussed. Mr. Breit made a motion to approve the following March checks and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

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| Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan | \$ |
| Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 951 | \$ 74,950.00 |
| General Checks -Prepaid/Manual | \$ 59,716.27 |
| General Checks CK# 31168-31206 | \$ 163,304.33 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 223,0220.60</u> |

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussed.

Asset/Replacement Requests-

Weston Sample Station Update- Mr. Donaldson stated we are awaiting better weather to start project. JAS construction will be stopping by 4/27/26 to schedule a date.

Sludge Screen/Mixing Pump Update – We are waiting for additional quotes.

PLANT REPORT – Mr. Donaldson explained our sludge storage tank and reviewed the plans for sludge hauling and noted, March was a high flow month.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase II Construction Update –

Mr. Donaldson stated that no pay request was submitted for this month as they are behind on shop drawings. Also, noting that Step screen and chemical pumps are not functioning correctly and working with them to get this corrected.

Influent pH Issue – Mr. Donaldson noted we will continue to monitor.

Applied Laser Technology Update – Mr. Donaldson stated that the DNR is still working on pretreatment permit.

Account Summary – Reviewed.

Three Year Succession Planning – The Clerk presented her job duties and responsibilities to the commission for review. Clerks' retirement plans are for May of 2027. Mr. Donaldson noted that there will be an overlap in Clerks' pay with training a new Clerk.

Data Centers/AGent Energy – There was a discussion regarding the data centers and water use issues. A data center can discharge directly to a waterway only if it gets its own permit approved by the DNR. If the water discharged to a wastewater treatment plant contained any chemical, like a coolant, that information would have to be disclosed to the wastewater treatment plant so it can be treated. The hyperscale data centers currently proposed in Wisconsin plan to use a closed-loop system, a kind of cooling system where water circulates through the system over and over. Cooling is necessary in a data center because servers get hot, not unlike a computer that never gets turned off.

A discussion regarding AGent and that they would require us to sign a contract with an interruptible rate to use our power. Mr. Donaldson and commissioners stated we would need to ask them more questions regarding this public service and the contract before deciding, over the next year.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the Solar Array and our savings with WPS. Mr. Donaldson stated that we are receiving some credit from WPS but will continue to review the energy bills and reports. The payback period is approximately 12-15 years. Commissioners are looking for a better understanding regarding solar credits from WPS. Mr. Donaldson will continue to provide monthly reports to the commissioners.

Mr. Westover asked where we are on the solar credits; Mr. Donaldson said that WIPLI is helping us obtain approximately \$420,000 in Federal credits plus the \$50,000 we have already received, and \$ 37,000 for our membranes, for an approximate total of \$500,000 in credits.

Mr. Donaldson also noted we are also getting money for our scrap copper. Total to-date \$7823.00.

ADJOURNED - At 12:37 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Note: A tape recording of the proceedings of the Public Hearings and Regular Meeting are on file for approximately 90 days at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 151401 Aster Road, Wausau, WI 54401

Sandra E. Balz, Administrative Clerk

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