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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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, Thomas Kipp, Darin Westover and Kevin Breit.

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk.

Commission Members Absent: Keith Biedermann was excused.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, and Mr. Breit seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 951	\$ 61,115.00
General Checks -Prepaid/Manual	\$ 85,449.12
General Checks CK# 31207- 31231	\$ 80,764.76
TOTAL	<u>\$ 227,328.88</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussed. Significant increase in community flows due to high rainfall. Mr. Stavran stated that cross connections and sump pumps can contribute to these high flows.

Asset/Replacement Requests–

Weston Sample Station Update- JAS construction has completed the project. We are awaiting our bond of \$1000 from the Village of Rothschild. Andy to inspect the station.

Sludge Mixing Pump Update – We are waiting for additional quotes and the pump we ordered is on the way.

Chopper Pump Replacement – Eric stated we would like to replace the entire pump. A quote from LW Allen in the amount of \$38,136.76 with lead time approx. 18-20 weeks. Trillium Flow Technologies quote is \$23,187.50 for similar pump with 15-19 weeks lead time.

PLANT REPORT – Eric stated we are hauling and have caught up from the excess sludge caused by construction delays last fall. Green Valley is assisting with our hauling along with the old truck we kept which gives us four trucks to haul when needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase II Construction Update –

Mr. Donaldson stated that no pay request was submitted for this month as they are still behind on shop drawings. CD Smith is removing the secondary cover. Mr. Donaldson noted that the step screen was not working correctly and sent back to Vulcan/vendor which is finding a cause and a solution.

Strand has provided a Solar Tracking spreadsheet showing the progress regarding the solar array. Energy and tax credits forth coming. Eric stated that Strand could explain the “monthly utility” & “approximate energy savings” portion of the spreadsheet.

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

Applied Laser Technology Update – No new updates.

Account Summary – Reviewed.

Diesel Generator Use and Regulatory Impacts- Eric contacted DNR regarding regulations applicable to a diesel generator being used to aid the local power company with peak shaving. DNR indicated that if RMMSD signed a contract with an entity to disconnect from the power plant and run on diesel generator that the generator would not be considered an emergency engine and would therefore be subject to federal rules. DNR would also perform air dispersion modeling on the generator and if RMMSD burned more than 10,000 gallons in a year of diesel, the generator would be subject to Best Achievable Control Technology (BACT) which would probably mean a DEF tank with significant cost.

Superintendent Succession Planning – to be discussed at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – AUDIT: CLA 2025 Audit/Financial Statement Presentation by Amber Danielski.

Amber noted that once we are below the \$1,000,000 threshold with the Construction project, we no longer need a Single Audit. Eric will be emailing out Financial Statements to the communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Kipp to approve the tentative financial statements and seconded by Mr. Westover. The final copy with no changes will be presented at the June meeting.

ADJOURNED - At 12:54 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Breit. 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

Date Approved