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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023

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

ROLL CALL - Commission Members Present: Bob Stavran, James Pauls, James Strehlow, Craig Mortensen

Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk and George Peterson; Village of Rothschild President. Ryan VanDeWalle; Administrator for Village of Rothschild, Sean Bridwell, and Randy Langer of Strand Associates; on recorded Zoom.

Commission Members absent: Mr. Keith Biedermann was excused.

Discussion on the Commissioner Situation – Craig Mortensen was not reappointed at the Marathon County Board Regular Meeting on 7/18/2023. After a lengthy discussion, reviewing of letters received from communities, and Mr. Mortensen’s letter stating his qualifications. (Community letters and Craigs’ letter to be included with meeting minutes requested by Mr. Stavran).

Mr. Stavran recommended a motion to reappoint Mr. Mortensen for another 5-year term. A motion made by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. A roll call vote taken with unanimous consent. Eric will be attending the educational meeting at Marathon County on August 17, 2023, to present the letters of explanation and recommendations.

MINUTES APPROVAL – Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023, and Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL -

Mr. Pauls made a motion to approve the following July checks and Pre-paid Check Register and Mr. Strehlow seconding the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Equipment Replacement CK#	\$
General Checks -Prepaid CK# 30212 - 30219	\$ 15,903.48
General Checks CK# 30225 - 30246	\$ 134,723.83
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 74,448.09
TOTAL	<u>\$ 361,100.53</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report - Reviewed and discussed. We are at 65% with revenue and 54% expenses.

Asset/Replacement Request – Eric stated that we need a replacement burner on current methane boiler. This would come from replacement money. A quote in the amount of \$15,000 from Evoqua has been obtained, as they are the only company that sells the compatible model, this will be the only quote.

Plant Report – Eric gave an update; plant is running well and in compliance.

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Planning Phase #2 Design Update - Eric gave an update and reviewed working with Strand Associates on design of Phase II Project which, we are currently on schedule. The 30% meeting was held with Strand Associates and drawings of the Project were obtained and available for review.

Solar Project Opportunity – After a lengthy discussion; and talking over the cost savings with reviewing the WPS savings; a motion made to include the Solar Array with current Phase #2 planning; as a bid alternative option by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Mortensen. Motion carried.

PH Issue Update – Eric gave an update to the Commission. No spikes occurred in July. Also, Crystal Finishing installed new equipment but, are currently in testing phase.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

ADJOURNED - At 12:22 p.m.; with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mortensen and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. Questioned and unanimously passed.

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

Sandra E. Balz
Administrative Clerk

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