

REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 2022

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 Strehlow, Craig Mortensen, and Keith Biedermann. Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk; Randy Langer of Strand Associates, David Krause, Village of Weston, Jonathon Gilbertson of Wausau Tile and Ryan Van De Walle; Village of Rothschild, on Zoom.

Commission Members absent: James Pauls, was excused.

MINUTES APPROVAL – Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2022, and Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL - The Commission reviewed the Check Register, and a motion was made by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. Motion was carried.

Asset/Capital Improv. Checks #907	\$ 11,853.75
Equipment Repl. Check #824	\$ 9,652.00
General Checks – Pre-Paid/Auto Pay	\$ 68,103.89
General Check - #29956-29980	\$ 64,142.39
TOTAL	\$153,752.03

SEWER INTERCEPTOR REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE –Approval/Final Pay Request

Mr. Mortensen made a motion to approve the Final Pay Request of \$11,853.75 and Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Reviewed and discussed. 97% income, expenses at 94%

Asset/Replacement Request – Nothing at this time.

Plant Report –

Mercury Exceedance – Was brought to our attention by DNR on October DMR Report, due to maintenance on clarifier
2022 Lab Audit - Passed with great attention to detail by Troy Hering.

OLD BUSINESS

Phosphorus Compliance Schedule Update– In Oct & Nov complied with the Phosphorus limit. Research on which chemical we will continue to use is being monitored.

Facility Planning -Phase #2 – Reviewed and discussed possible savings and alternatives with minor changes. Requires the Metro to obtain a CWF loan to complete project. 2024 Budget would need to increase Debt Service. Randy Langer explained the timeline and loan details. The average increase to household customers would be approximately \$10.00 per quarter which, our five Municipalities would need to pass onto their customers. Strand to proceed with Hearing and Bid Design in early 2023. A Public Hearing needs to be posted with written comments received on the plan until January 18, 2023. The Draft Schedule with breakdown will be emailed to Commissioners.
A motion was made to proceed with Phase#2 by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Mortensen. Motion carried.

Influent PH Issue – Eric stated meter is continuously monitored and spikes were detected at plant and Cedar creek sample stations. Weston and Wausau Tile have been contacted. David Krause, Village of Weston gave an update on their testing. Eric to send letter requesting a plan to Village of Weston to help identify and eliminate PH spikes. Clarification from Weston with a written plan to follow, as soon as possible. Jonathon Gilbertson of Wausau Tile gave a brief overview of their process, monitoring/probe setup for testing.

Crystal Finishing Pretreatment Progress – Eric gave an update. DNR granted permit for pre-treatment process along with the Metro requesting results of samplings from CFS.

Burgoyne's Write-Off -The past due amount of \$3290.07 (includes court fees) will be written off our books. Mr. Mortensen made a motion to write off the past due amount and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Income Continuation Insurance through ETF- Eric gave an explanation. We are currently on a premium Holiday for local employers. A motion was made to approve the I.C.I. by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Motion carried. Resolution ET-1326 form was signed by Robert Stavran, President.

ADJOURN - At 12:48 pm, with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mortensen and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Passed with unanimous consent.

Note: A recording of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting will be on file at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District 15141 Aster Road – Wausau, WI for 90 days.

Sandra E. Balz
Administrative Clerk

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