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*"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."*

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL** - Commission Members Present: Robert Stavran, James Pauls, Thomas Kipp, James Strehlow, Keith Biedermann.

**Also Present:** Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk; Randy Langer of Strand; Jami Gebert and Michael Wodalski, Village of Weston; Jared Grande, Village of Rib Mountain and Ryan Van de Walle, Village of Rothschild on recorded Zoom.

**Commission Members Absent:** None.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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| Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan          | \$                          |
| Equipment Replacement CK# 829                   | \$ 107,000.92               |
| General Checks -Prepaid CK# 30400, 30401, 30408 | \$ 3,458.00                 |
| General Checks CK# 30409 - 30432                | \$ 184,945.52               |
| Manual/Auto Payments                            | \$ 92,170.77                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b><u>\$ 387,575.21</u></b> |

**DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**Budget Comparison Report** - Reviewed and discussed.

**Asset/Replacement Request** – Pickup Truck from Brickner’s will be ready soon. Sale of the RAM was offered to Commissioners and employees however, no one currently interested. Eric will offer up the truck to Municipalities and outside buyers. Eric stated the blue book value is \$26,000 but would not sell for less than \$25,000.

**Plant Report** – Eric indicated that Metro employees noticed high influent BOD starting in early December. Effluent BOD’s were compliant in December, but higher than typical. In January, Metro employees noticed the high influent BOD continued and the Effluent BODs were non-compliant, averaging 32.8 mg/L for January whereas our effluent BOD limit is 30 mg/L. Eric noted that the DNR was contacted about the BOD exceedance.

Eric added that technicians went through the plant to look for anything that might contribute to or explain the effluent BOD exceedance. A couple of adjustments were made however, did not bring BODs down to compliant levels. Technicians also made checks in the lab and did not find any QA/QC issue that would explain high BODs. Eric noted that RMMSD passed the proficiency testing for all four constituents (BOD, TSS, NH3 and TP) in January, so we have confidence in our lab results. Eric added that the community sampling done in January revealed a higher than typical BOD at the Weston “Hardees” station. Mike Wodalski from the Village of Weston indicated that Weston was working on the issue and is in contact with Badger Labs to set

up a sampling program to identify what area of Weston the high BOD was coming from, and discussion included what sources could be contributing to the high BOD in Weston's collection system.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Facility Planning Phase #2 Design Update – Discussion and Possible Action on Strand's Construction Oversight Contract – Task Order #24-01-in the amount \$2,238,000.** Provide bidding- and construction related services associated with the Metro's WWTP Phase II Capital Improvements Project.

Randy Langer stated that the DNR did receive our CWFL application and funding is in process.

A motion was made by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Kipp. A roll call vote was taken and passed with unanimous consent.

**Solar Array-** We are currently working with Jared Grande, Village of Rib Mountain on the necessary permits needed for the project. Eric will be attending Village of Rib Mountain March 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**PH Issue Update** – Eric gave an update. 2 PH Spikes occurred: one in January and the second, first week in February. Possibly coming from Weston area.

**Crystal Finishing Update** – December and January data was sent to Eric; sulfate is compliant.

**Technician Replacement Update** – Trevor Skerven started 02/05/24.

**Bank Account Summary** – Reviewed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**District Residents' Comments** – Eric addressed the questions and comments from residents regarding the rate increase.

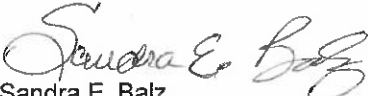
**Meeting Room Equipment Discussion** – Eric explained how we need an upgrade to our current set up: Projector screen to accommodate our virtual meetings. Three options were reviewed & pricing should be available at the March meeting.

**Applied Laser Technology Discharge** – DNR contacted Eric with a question if they are an Industrial pretreatment facility due to metal parts finishing. Eric met with them and provided Applied Laser with our permit.

**Discussion of RMMSD Website** – Do we need to provide additional information, pictures, etc. We are also on FB. Further discussion will continue at our March meeting.

**ADJOURNED** - At 1:20 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. 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

3/12/2024 Date