

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, and Keith Biedermann and James Pauls. Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk; Randy Langer of Strand Associates and Jared Grande and Michael Heyroth, Town of Rib Mountain. Also, Ryan VanDeWalle, Village of Rothschild and Michael Wodalski, Village of Weston; on recorded Zoom.

Commission Members absent: Craig Mortensen was excused.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Strehlow and seconded by Mr. Biedermann to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**FACILITIES AND GROUNDS UPGRADE PHASE #2 / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were submitted, reviewed and discussed by the Commission.

**SUBMITTAL OF FINALIZED FACILITIES PLAN TO WDNR FOR REVIEW**

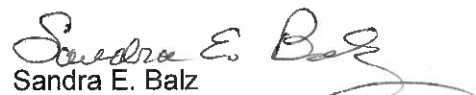
After lengthy discussion and addressing comments and suggestions made by the public; Mr. Strehlow made a motion that Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District authorize submittal of the finalized Wastewater Facilities Plan report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for final approval. The finalized report will include sections and appendices from the draft report submitted to the WDNR, as well as the slides presented at the January 10, 2023 public hearing and the written record of the public hearing. Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Based on the estimated increase in annual debt service required for the project, a total increase in revenue of approximately 60 percent is required. Projected O&M expense for 2023 are approximately \$1,718,963. Existing debt service is \$261,948 annually. New debt service associated with this project is anticipated to be approximately \$1,390,000, based on current interest rates. The opinion of probable cost of Phase II improvements totals \$20,755,000. Anticipating an early 2024 bid date and inflation of 8 percent per year results an anticipated 2024 project cost of 22,412,000.

A reimbursement resolution will need to be passed in order to use CWF money that will be due in March 2023, with bid opening in April 2024 and begin construction in June 2024 with completion approximately, June of 2027.

At 12:12 p.m. 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 zoom recording of the proceedings of the Special Meeting are on file at the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 151401 Aster Road, Wausau, WI.

  
Sandra E. Balz  
Administrative Clerk

2/14/2023 Date