



**RIB MOUNTAIN  
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**  
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*"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."*

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**July 11, 2023**

Commission President, Bob Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Commission Members Present: Bob Stavran, James Pauls, James Strehlow, Craig Mortensen, and Keith Biedermann.

Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Sandra Balz, Administrative Clerk And Ryan VanDeWalle of Village of Rothschild and Sean Bridwell of Strand Associates; on recorded Zoom.

Commission Members absent: None.

**Recommend to Reappointment Craig Mortensen** - Mr. Strehlow made a motion and Mr. Pauls seconded the motion. Roll call vote and motion carried with unanimous consent.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023, and Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL -

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

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Equipment Replacement CK# 826-828	\$ 62,671.53
General Checks -Prepaid CK# 30186 & 30187	\$ 185.36
General Checks CK# 30188 - 30207	\$ 196,153.86
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 102,089.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 361,100.53</u></b>

## DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

**Budget Comparison Report** - Reviewed and discussed. We are at 56% with revenue and 48% expenses.

**Asset/Replacement Request** – The 2014 Jeep was sold to Mark Kercher and the 2023 Blazer has been purchased. Vehicle insurance has been purchased for the new Blazer and Jeep removed.

**Plant Report** – Eric gave an update, and the Commission reviewed the June Plant Report. Phosphorus chemical usage was discussed. Chemical deliveries have been on schedule. A spill report was filed with DNR based on possible pipe leak.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Facility Planning Phase #2 Design Update** - Eric gave an update and reviewed working with Strand Associates on design of Phase II. Meetings are held every two weeks on Teams with Strand Associates. Locating waterlines and borings for force main along with electrical. We anticipate the 30% meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> week in August.

**Solar Project Opportunity** – CWFL & Focus on Energy and Inflation Reduction Act would contribute a total approximately, \$300,000 and would pay for itself in about 13 years. The cost to modify our electrical system is included in the project cost of 1.2 million. This would not need replacement for approximately 40 years.  
Eric recommended to include in our Phase #2 planning. Commission to revisit, review and make a decision at the August meeting.

**PH Issue Update** – Eric gave an update to the Commission. Also, Crystal Finishing is still in construction with their equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Ryan VanDeWalle of Rothschild requested a budget/rate amount for 2024 regarding the sewer increase to communities for our Phase #2 project.

**ADJOURNED** - At 3:10 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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