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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 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, Keith Biedermann & Thomas Kipp

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk; Michael Wodalski, Director Public Works; Village of Weston and Betty Hoenish, Village of Maine

Commission Members Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Biedermann made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024, and Mr. Pauls seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2024, and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	\$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK#	\$
General Checks -Prepaid CK# 30575, 30576	\$ 1,115.76
General Checks CK# 30581 - 30603	\$ 110,898.14
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 57,369.39
TOTAL	<u>\$ 169,383.29</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget reviewed. Donaldson stated we are on budget.

Asset/Replacement Request – No update. Computer equipment on backorder.

PLANT REPORT

High Influent & Effluent BOD – Donaldson stated we are seeing high flows due to high rainfall.

PH Issue Update – No PH Spikes.

Weston’s Bill for March – The May and June sample numbers were discussed and reviewed for consistency. The conversation changed to Weston’s March billing that went out early April in the amount of \$224,553.73. Based on the community sampling done by RMMSD in March, Weston was billed for about 340,000 pounds of TSS but, RMMSD’s plant report indicates RMMSD only brought in 190,000 pounds of TSS from all communities. However, Mr. Donaldson stated communities also need to investigate any future high strength dischargers which create high

billing. The Commissioners discussed the matter at length and there was a motion made by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Biedermann to approve a credit in the amount of \$47,314.67. Mr. Stavran decided to abstain from the roll call vote regarding credit to Village of Weston's March bill. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stavran also indicated that going forward communities should research for any high dischargers and RMMSD to send out notification when this occurs.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE II - Construction Update – CD Smith submitted a pay request in the amount of \$ 225,079.70. A motion was made to approve the pay request by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Motion carried.

Crystal Finishing Update – May's Report was high but compliant.

Bank Account Summary – Reviewed.

Applied Laser Technology – No update this month.

Update on Commissioner Candidate Search – Deadline to apply is July 15th and currently we have one application submitted.

Final Audit Approval – A motion was made by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Kipp to approve the 2023 Final Audit. Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Maine's WWTP Sludge – Betty Hoenish, President from Village of Maine; explained their current issue with their Wastewater Sludge disposal. She explained why Merrill is not able to take their sludge and City of Wausau will not take their loads either. She would like the Metro to take their sludge discharge of one load every 6 to 7 weeks. Mr. Donaldson explained their concerns with the Commission and stated Modern Sewer would be bringing in those loads and the Metro will then bill Modern Sewer for those loads at the Septic rate of \$ 84.00 per 1000 gals. Mr. Stavran requested that tests be completed on these loads designated as septic by Modern.

James N. Pauls Term Expires on 08/11/2024 – A Motion was made by Mr. Stavran and seconded by Mr. Biedermann to have Mr. Pauls service on the RMMSD Commission for another 5-year term. This request, with letter will be forwarded to Lance Leonhard, Administrator of Marathon County.

NTC Students Tour WWTP – Mr. Donaldson stated that approx..12 NTC College students would like to tour our WWTP. The concern for safety was brought up. However, the teacher of NTC stated that they have a signed waiver.

ADJOURNED - At 1:13 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Pauls seconded by Mr. Kipp. 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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