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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 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.

**Also Present:** Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent; Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk; Mike Heyroth, Utility Director; Village of Rib Mountain; Michael Wodalski, Director Public Works; Village of Weston and Joy Palmer of CLA.

**Commission Members Absent:** James Strehlow and Thomas Kipp were excused.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Stavran made remarks to make corrections to the minutes which were marked and will be corrected. Mr. Pauls made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024, and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL** - Mr. Pauls made a motion to approve the following May 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# 30546 - 30550	\$ 19,694.33
General Checks CK# 30523 - 30545	\$ 52,122.26
Manual/Auto Payments	\$ 71,816.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 175,887.17</u></b>

**DRAFT AUDIT – CLA Presentation** – Joy Palmer of CLA gave a brief presentation of our Draft Audit for 2023.

**2023 CMAR – Resolution # 108 – the** Annual CMAR was reviewed, and a motion was made to approve Resolution #108 by Mr. Biederman and seconded by Mr. Pauls, motion carried.

## **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 not seeing high numbers like December thru March. We are compliant for May and continue sampling.

**PH Issue Update** – No PH Spikes.

**Weston's Bill for March** – Mr. Wodalski reviewed their previous data and gave information as to how we go about creating a credit to Weston. The March bill was reviewed and discussed. 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 and Mr. Stavran decided to table the issue as there were only two other commissioners present and Mr. Stavran opted out of the vote due to his Weston residency. Therefore, the request was tabled until July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding credit to Weston. Further discussion and/or a resolution is needed to make fair to all Communities.

**Hauler Sampling** - Eric indicated that the Metro had sampled hauler loads for a couple of weeks in May. The results of the sampling show that the assumption for blended septage (holding tank and septic) is inaccurate. RMMSD assumes blended loads to be 30% septic and 70% holding tank. Eric indicated that the test results show that the blended loads are about 50%/50% or 70% septic/30% holding. The Commissioners encouraged changing the blended rate now to reflect this difference. Further discussion will be held at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PHASE II - Construction Update** – CD Smith to be onsite July 8, 2024. CWF Loan closing is scheduled for July 2024. A special meeting for June 28, 2024, will be held to obtain a lower interest rate on our loan.

**Crystal Finishing Update** – No update this month.

**Bank Account Summary** – Reviewed.

**Applied Laser Technology** – No update this month.

**Dental & Vision Insurance Plans** – Eric stated we are looking into Dental & Vision premiums. This will be on the agenda for further discussion at budget time.

**James R, Strehlow -Commissioner Stepping Down-** James R. Strehlow, has stepped down from his position as Secretary, from the Metro and a letter of resignation was received on June 10, 2024. Eric stated that a notice will be sent out to communities and to Marathon County regarding our open Commissioner seat.

**Ehler's Financial Planning** – The Commission will discuss further at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ADJOURNED** - At 1:01 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Biedermann seconded by Mr. Pauls. 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

7/9/2024 Date Approved