

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2021

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: James Pauls, Keith Biedermann, Jim Strehlow, and Craig Mortensen. Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent and Katherine Kunze, Admin. Clerk/Secretary; Sandra Balz, Admin. Clerk/Secretary, Ken Johnson, Kevin Breit, and Jeff Gates, with City of Mosinee.

MINUTES – Mr. Mortensen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2021. Mr. Strehlow seconded this motion. Questioned and motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed the Check Register and motion made by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. Motion was carried.

General Prepaid Checks	\$49,948.36
Equipment Repl. Prepaid Checks	\$0.00
General Checks #29234 thru 29263	\$63,256.44
Equip. Repl. Checks #803 & #804	\$52,091.30
Asset/Cap Imp. Checks	\$0.00

Mosinee/Crystal Finishing pH and H2s Issues –Mr. Donaldson updated the Commission on this matter and noted that the solution to this matter is moving in the right direction. A discussion was held with Mr. Breit, Mr. Gates, the Commissioners, along with Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Breit noted the changes that have and will be made until a permanent solution (new system) is in place. During discussion, Mosinee thanked the Metro for their patience in this matter. Similarly, the Commission expressed their appreciation for the hard work that Mosinee has done to resolve this matter. He also pointed out that Mosinee intends to continue what they are doing.

CLOSED SESSION -

Mr. Stavran stated “Closed session” was not necessary.

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Reviewed

Asset/Replacement – Mr. Donaldson proposed purchasing a 1 ton overhead bridge crane in maintenance shop; at an approximate cost of \$14,000, installed. Mr. Heise explained why it would benefit the Metro.

A Motion to approve made by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. Motion carried.

Plant Report – Mr. Donaldson reported that plant is running good. No ammonia exceedance this month.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

COVID 19 Sampling – Updated

Phosphorus Compliance – Mr. Donaldson updated commission.

Cleaning Sewer Lines - Mr. Donaldson reported that this project is still on hold.

SCADA Upgrade – Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Heise updated the commission on the progress of this project and the tentative timeline.

WPS Peak KW Charges - Mr. Heise discussed the WPS electricity usage and goal to save on electricity during peak summer months by changing the way we run influent pump. Goal is to stay around 300.

PRIVATE HAULERS – At last months' board meeting, it was unanimously decided that the Metro go back to its original way of billing; that being 95% of their truck capacity beginning with their March disposals.

An individual from Scotts (Country Pumpers) joined the Metro meeting via zoom. They expressed their concerns on reverting back to the original way of billing. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the Metro will continue to look into this matter and look at other alternatives used by other wastewater facilities to monitor the flow. After further discussion, it was noted that the new billing process will proceed until an alternative method, if any, is found. This matter will be brought back up at the next Metro meeting on April 13, 2021.

Cyber Security – Mr. Donaldson informed the commission that he and Mr. Heise met with some individuals from Network Solutions to discuss Cyber Security and what the Metro can do to update its system. A discussion was held.

Record Retention Policy- Mr. Donaldson stated that the Metro is in need of a Records Retention Policy. He noted that he obtained a copy of New Water's (Green Bay Metro) policy and the Metro will be using it as a guide line when putting ours together.

At 12:50 pm, with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Pauls and seconded by Mr. Mortensen. Questioned and unanimously passed.

A recording of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting will be on file at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District 15141 Aster Road – Wausau, WI.