**2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Commission President, Bob Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 11:30 a.m. Commission Members Present: Jim Strehlow, James Pauls and Craig Mortensen. Also Present: Kevin Hopkins & Randy Langer of Strand Associates; Eric Donaldson, Director; Andy Heise, Superintendent; Katherine Kunze, Admin. Clerk/Secretary; Keith Biedermann, Commissioner Candidate for the Metro, and Kevin Breit, City of Mosinee, joined the meeting via Zoom.

**Metro Commissioner Appointment -** Mr. Biedermann took the Oath of Office to act as a Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commissioner, with his term expiring August 2025.

Mr. Biedermann replaces Mr. Olson.

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Mr. Donaldson stated that he e-mailed a copy of the Metro’s 2021Tentative Budget to each of the Communities and he has not received any response from them. After discussion, Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget of $2,086,043.00. Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Questioned and by means of a roll call vote, unanimously passed. All Commissioners voted “Yes”.

**MINUTES –** Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting minutes held September 8, 2020. Mr. Mortensen seconded this motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL**

Mr. Pauls made a motion to approve the following September 2020 Manual Checks and the October 2020 Check Register. Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Questioned and after discussion unanimously passed.

General Prepaid Checks $35,838.55

Asset Prepaid Checks $.00

General Checks #28750 - #28776 & #28781 $88,669.44

Equip. Repl. Checks #659 $2,264.35

Asset/Cap Imp. Checks $.00

**Mosinee/Crystal Finishing pH and H2s Issues** – A lengthy discussion was held between Mr. Breit, City of Mosinee, the Commissioners, along with Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Heise regarding this matter. During discussion it was reiterated that the level of H2s has reached lethal levels at times and it is crucial that this matter be resolved ASAP. It was also pointed out during discussion that two of the Metro’s probes have been fried as a result of the high levels of H2s, along with whatever damage is being done to the sewer lines. Also discussed where some consequence that could be imposed on Mosinee if a solution is not reached soon. Mr. Breit indicated that he is going to contact their consultant right after this meeting and make sure they understand that this matter is urgent and needs immediate attention.

Continuous pH measurements have been taken outside of Crystal Finishing for several months and the numbers have come in under 7.8.

The Commission directed Mr. Donaldson to draft a letter to Mosinee informing them of the repercussion it faces if this matter is not resolved soon.

**Resolution #101** – This Resolution was reviewed and discussed. During discussion it was determined to table it until next month’s meeting.

**DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Budget Comparison Report – Reviewed

Asset/Replacement – None

Plant Report – Mr. Donaldson reported that the plant is running good. Mr. Heise indicated that the Metro is randomly monitoring the haulers and explained why.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

RMS Sampling – No update

State Lab of Hygiene - Mr. Donaldson updated the Commission on the COVID Study.

Mr. Hopkins updated the Commission on the progress of the phosphorus compliance report.

WWOA Conference – The WWOA Conference will be held virtually. Both Eric and Troy will be virtually attend.

Mr. Hopkins stated that he is retiring at the end of the year, with Mr. Randy Langer taking over. Mr. Langer addressed the Commission.

Cleaning Sewer Lines - Mr. Donaldson reported that while the Metro was televising its sewer lines, they discovered an area of line from MH7 &MH9 that needs to be flushed. He explained why. He indicated that he has received one quote for $14,000 from Visu-Sewer. During the discussion the Commissioners directed him to seek out more quotes for this work.

Mr. Donaldson updated the Commission on the masonry work that has been done so far. He pointed out that while this project was being done, Krall’s indicated that additional masonry needed to be done to complete this project. Mr. Donaldson explained why and noted the additional cost to finish it.

At 1:00 pm, with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Strehlow. 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.