**2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Commission President, Bob Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 9:00 a.m. Commission Members Present: Jim Strehlow, James Pauls, and Craig Mortensen. Also Present: Eric Donaldson, Director; Katherine Kunze, Administrative Clerk/Secretary; and Keith Biedermann, Commissioner Candidate for the Metro.

**Metro Commissioner Candidate –** The appointment of Keith Biedermann is postponed until the Metro’s October Meeting. Mr. Donaldson explained why.

**2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The proposed 2021 Budget was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mortensen and seconded by Mr. Strehlow to go into Closed Session Pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c). Questioned and by means of a roll call vote, was unanimously passed. (All Commissioners voted “Yes”)

The Commission proceeded with the Closed Session. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the 2021 Wage and Benefit Package for the Metro Employees.

At 10:35 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Strehlow to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the budget workshop. Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Questioned and by means of a roll call vote, was unanimously passed. (All Commissioners voted “Yes”).

Mr. Pauls made a motion to approve the tentative 2021 Budget, as presented, in the amount of $2,086,043.00 Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

With no further discussion, Mr. Mortensen made a motion at 10:44 a.m. to recess until 11:30 a.m., at which time the Regular Meeting will begin. Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

 **REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MINUTES –** Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Mortensen seconded this motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL**

Mr. Mortensen made a motion to approve the following August Prepaid 2020 Checks and the September 2020 Check Register. Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. Questioned and after discussion unanimously passed.

General Prepaid Checks $34,304.95

Asset Prepaid Checks $.00

General Checks #28688 - #28716 $39,261.90

Equip. Repl. Checks #658 $3,374.06

Asset/Cap Imp. Checks $.00

**Mosinee/Crystal Finishing pH and H2s Issues** – Mr. Breit, City of Mosinee, updated the Commission on the H2s and pH matters. He pointed out that Mosinee is still waiting for results from the study that was done by McMahon and Associates. During discussion Mr. Breit indicated that Mosinee will share the results of the test with the Metro as soon as they get them.

**DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Budget Comparison Report – None

Asset/Replacement – None

Plant Report – Mr. Donaldson reported that the plant is running good.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Donaldson pointed out the 2019 CMAR report that was given to them. He noted that the Metro came in with good grades.

COVID 19 Policy - A discussion was held in regard to the “ Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Pandemic Operation Plan” document they received at last month’s meeting. It was determined, during discussion, that the Metro draft a resolution declaring a “State of Emergency” at the Metro pursuant to WI State Statute Sec.200.00” and present it at the October meeting for approval.

Mr. Donaldson stated that he is working with Mr. Heyroth , Rib Mountain Sanitary District, regarding their concern of the rise in their BOD and TSS numbers since the beginning of 2019.

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

Mr. Donaldson discussed the phosphorus compliance schedule.

WWOA Conference - Mr. Donaldson informed the Commission that the in person conference has been canceled. However, they plan on doing it virtually.

2021 Budget Public Hearing - It was determined that the 2021 Budget Public Hearing will be scheduled for 11:30 a.m. October 13, 2020 with the Regular meeting to follow.

At 12:00 pm, with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mortensen 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.