**2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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, Galen Olson and Craig Mortensen. Also Present: James Pauls; Eric Donaldson, Director; and Katherine Kunze, Administrative Clerk/Secretary.

Appointment of James Pauls – Mr. Pauls took the Oath of Office to act as a Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District Commissioner. Mr. Pauls will replace Mr. Wittkopf, with his term expiring August 2024.

**2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The proposed 2020 Budget was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Olson 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 2020 Wage and Benefit Package for the Metro Employees.

At 10:44 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Mortensen to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the budget workshop. Mr. Olson seconded the motion. Questioned and by means of a roll call vote, was unanimously passed. (All Commissioners voted “Yes”).

With no further discussion, Mr. Strehlow made a motion at 10:47 a.m. to recess until 11:30 a.m., at which time the Regular Meeting will begin. Mr. Olson seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes for the Regular Meeting. Mr. Strehlow seconded this motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

**CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL**

Mr. Strehlow made a motion to approve the following August Prepaid 2019 Checks and the September 2019 Check Register. Mr. Olson seconded the motion. Questioned and after discussion unanimously passed.

General Prepaid Checks $35,701.58

Equip Repl. Prepaid Checks $.00

Asset/Cap. Imp. Prepaid Checks $.00

General Checks #28018 - -#28038 $74,573.35

Equip. Repl. Checks $.00

Asset/Cap Imp. Check $.00

**FACILITIES AND GROUNDS UPGRADE**

**Pump #2** - Mr. Donaldson informed the Commission that the Metro is still waiting for the new pump and that we did get the parts to repair the old pump. Mr. Donaldson mentioned that the parts received are questionable. Mr. Donaldson noted that he feels that the Metro should have all 5 pumps working before the manhole/wet-well project starts. Strand Associates is getting all 3 copies of Visu Sewers contract signed by all parties.

**Miron - Liquidated Damages** – Nothing to report.

**DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Budget Comparison Report – Reviewed and discussed.

Asset/Replacement – HVAC for the Administration Building – Mr. Donaldson supplies more information on the two quotes the Metro received for the HVAC unit. A discussion was held, during which Mr. Donaldson recommended that the Metro accept the lower bid from Stainless Specialist and explained why. After further discussion a motion was made by Mr. Strehlow to accept Stainless Specialists bid of $98,864 for the HVAC project in the Administration Building, Mr. Mortensen seconded the motion. Questioned. Unanimously passed.

Plant Report – Running good.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Donaldson reported that lighting struck the XX Meter Station and now it is in need of repair. He stated that he submitted a claim to the Metro’s Insurance and they will cover the repairs after the Metro meets its $1,000 deductible.

Mr. Donaldson noted that Mosinee is having H2s problems again. New H2s meters have been ordered and will be installed in October

A fire alarm inspection was done by Per Mar, the Metro’s security company. Per Mar is recommending heat sensor units for both the solids building and garage. He explained why. A discussion was held.

CMAR - Received the Metro’s Grade .

A motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve the 2020 Tentative Budget, as presented, for $1,944,047. Mr. Strehlow seconded that motion. Questioned and unanimously passed. The Metro’s 2020 Budget Public Hearing will be held on October 8, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., with the Regular Meeting to follow. Mr. Donaldson will get the 2020 budget to each of the communities and answer any questions they may have.

At 12:02 p.m., with no further business to discuss, there was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Strehlow. It was seconded by Mr. Olson. Questioned and unanimously passed.

A tape of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting will be on file at Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District 2001 Aster Road – Wausau, WI.