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"Doing our part for the Wisconsin River."

DIRECTOR:
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BUDGET WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2025

Commission President, Robert Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL - Commission Members Present: Robert Stavran, Keith Biedermann & Thomas Kipp, Darin Westover.

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent, Matt Rice of Northwind Solar, Trent Vollrath of Pieper Electric and Ryan VandeWalle, Rothschild on Zoom. (Note: Mr. Kipp excused himself at 12:33 pm.)

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Breit and Sandra Balz were excused.

2026 BUDGET Workshop – Mr. Donaldson presented the 2026 Budget and answered the Commissioners questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Biedermann to go into Closed Session Pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c). Questioned and by means of roll call vote, was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Kipp to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. Questioned and by means of roll call vote was unanimously passed.

A Motion to Adjourn Budget Workshop was made by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Kipp and was passed with unanimous consent.

MINUTES APPROVAL
Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025, and Keith Biedermann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL - Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the following August checks and Mr. Westover seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed.

Debt Service -On-line Payment-CWF Loan	$
Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 932-934	$ 969,639.83
General Checks -Prepaid/Manual	$ 76,418.92
General Checks CK# 30988-31014	$ 45,358.03
	$
TOTAL	**$ 1,091,416.78**

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussion.

Asset/Replacement Requests- Mr. Donaldson spoke about the sample station replacement and waiting on the contract. One New Sludge Truck is on schedule for September delivery, in time for fall hauling.
The Generator was sold on WI Surplus for $9400.00 and the tank and boiler minimum bid were not met so, we will get scrap value.

Plant Report - Reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE II - Construction Update & Pay App #14 for approval- A motion was made to approve pay app #14 in the amount of $893.524.83 by Mr. Kipp and seconded by Mr. Biedermann. Motion was carried.

Solar update- Matt Rice and Trent Vollrath stated the Solar wiring was completed in August. Conduit components were out of spec. and were not notified by engineering. It should be 2 to 3 weeks before we have grid power and WPS must sign off on the completion of the project. Also, FOE provides grant money which had a deadline of 08/31/2025 to receive $50,000. This deadline was not met and will most likely cost us $25,000. There will be a negotiation regarding compensation for our loss in grant money.

Influent pH Issue- Spikes are currently under control, we will continue to monitor.

Crystal Finishing Update – Mr. Stavran stated that Mark Matthiae and staff of Crystal Finishing had visited with Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Stavran last week, regarding their waste disposal of their sulfate chemicals for a 3-month period. This would include both Metro and Crystal Finishing doing testing for approximately 3 months. Mr. Donaldson stated H2S monitors would be needed for this special testing.
The Commissioners expressed their concern about the implications of sulfuric acid and possible harm to our systems and staff. After much discussion, Mr. Stavran asked Mr. Donaldson to draft a letter to Mark Matthiae to bring their consulting engineer to one of our meetings to assure us of chemistry and that it won't impact our plant negatively and/or staff with these loads.

Applied Laser Tech Update – Mr. Donaldson stated we are still waiting for their permit from DNR.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stavran brought up expenses regarding salary/wages and health insurance costs. Andy Heise and Eric Donaldson's wages and overtime were discussed. Andy Heise would like to continue to be an hourly employee, which will give him the 3% raise.

A motion was made by Mr. Westover and seconded by Mr. Biedermann and approved with unanimous consent regarding the 2026 Tentative Budget with wage change for Andy Heise. Questioned and by means of roll call vote was unanimously passed.

Schedule 2026 Budget Public Hearing – A motion was made by Mr. Biederman and seconded by Mr. Westover for the proposed 2026 budget will be on October 14,2025, at 11:30 a.m.
Mr. Donaldson will email out the budget for review and hard copies of budget will be available at the meeting.

ADJOURNED - At 12:55 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Biedermann and seconded by Mr. Westover. Questioned and unanimously passed.

***Note**: A tape of the proceedings of the Public Hearings & Regular Meetings is on file for approximately 90 days at the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District, 151401 Aster Road, Wausau, WI.*

Sandra E. Balz, Administrative Clerk _____ Date Approved