



**RIB MOUNTAIN
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2025

Commission President, Robert Stavran, called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (Metro) to order at 11:30 a.m.

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

Also Present: Eric Donaldson; Director; Andy Heise; Superintendent, Sandra Balz; Administrative Clerk and Ryan VanDeWalle, of Rothschild on Zoom.

Commission Members Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Breit made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2025, and Mr. Kipp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL - Mr. Kipp made a motion to approve the following October checks and Mr. Biedermann seconded the motion. Questioned and unanimously passed. Mr. Donaldson advised that we now have the two new trucks, one which we will be selling.

Equipment Replacement CK# 839	\$ 554,404.42
Asset/Capital Improv. CK# 937 & 938	\$ 1,099,002.43
General Checks -Prepaid/Manual	\$ 111,592.76
General Checks CK# 31037 - 31065	\$ 65,910.97
	\$
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,830,910.58</u>

DIRECTOR/SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Budget Comparison Report – Budget comparison reviewed and discussed.

Asset/Replacement Requests-

Weston Sample Station Update- Mr. Donaldson spoke about the sample station replacement, Vendor has not responded, and we may need to find another.

Doors Replacement Update – 3 Doors from Urban Construction have been installed and completed.

Plant Report - Reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

PHASE II - Construction Update & Pay App #16 for Approval- Eric noted that chemical room is not completed yet. And therefore, not able to have formal written procedures. CD Smith is subject to liquidated damages per contract.

A motion was made to approve pay application #16 in the amount of \$1,024,102.43 by Mr. Breit and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Motion was carried. There are no more retainage deductions going forward; the total stands at \$564,628.47.

Mr. Donaldson stated Pieper and Northwind's were able to get the parts and testing needed to complete the Solar Array and begin receiving a benefit. WPS will be on site to power off and hook up so we can begin to receive solar power. Eric will complete the paperwork and submit it to FOE to receive the full \$50,000.

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

Applied Laser Tech Update – No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a new Hauler; Pecha Septic from Antigo, WI completed an application.

Mr. Donaldson stated that we have received a certificate from the Spectrum Insurance Group for having the lowest possible experience modification regarding workers' compensation and therefore, we are receiving the lowest rates.

Procurement Policy- Mr. Donaldson presented a Procurement Policy for the commission to review prior to December meeting and to pass a resolution. Further discussion was held regarding these minimum and maximum requirement amounts regarding purchases and the bidding process. This was at the CLA Auditors' request as they look at it as a deficiency of the Metro.

Mr. Donaldson stated that the health insurance premium rates for 2026 have increased 28%.
CLA will be here for a 2025 pre-audit on November 24, 2025.

ADJOURNED - At 12:28 p.m.; with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Breit and seconded by Mr. Kipp. Questioned and unanimously passed.

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

Sandra E. Balz, Administrative Clerk

Date Approved