

Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Robert Stavran, Thomas Kipp, Keith Beidermann, Darin Westover, Kevin Breit Members

Absent: None

Also Present: Eric Donaldson (Director), Andy Heise (Superintendent), Sandra Balz (Administrative Clerk), Ryan Vandewalle (Administrator – Rothschild) on Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by **Mr. Breit** and seconded by **Mr. Beidermann** to approve the minutes from the **July 14, 2026**, regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Check Register Approval

The Commission reviewed the check register. CD Smith has six outstanding pay requests. Due to available cash on-hand, three requests will be paid immediately, with the remaining addressed next month. A motion to approve the check register was made by **Mr. Kipp** and seconded by **Mr. Breit**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director / Superintendent Report

Budget Comparison

Seven months into the fiscal year, revenues are ahead at approximately 65% of projections, while expenses remain below budget at approximately 40%.

Community Flow Review: Dry conditions produced lower flows. Rothschild sampling reading appears unusually low and may indicate infiltration and inflow contributions.

Machinery, Equipment, Electrical, and instrumentation costs: Equipment repairs produced higher electrical and mechanical expenses. Budget adjustments are planned.

Miscellaneous and Recycling Income: Copper recycling has generated approximately \$20,000 in income. Focus on Energy incentives provided \$50,000. These account line items will be separated out on Budget Comparison for next month's report.

Asset Replacement Requests

Updates were provided regarding pump repairs, lab equipment replacement, and pending equipment deliveries. The solids oven replacement was completed at a lower-than-expected cost.

Plant Report

Phosphorus removal remains strong at approximately 96%. Polymer use and new limits have contributed to improved performance. PFAS sampling results remain below state thresholds.

Phase 2 Construction Update

Secondary digester work continues, with float testing expected by the end of the month. Electrical work and programming remain ongoing. Substantial completion date has been adjusted to late September 2026. CD Smith presented three pay applications for February = \$430,807.29, March = \$210,094.00 and April = \$ \$742,277.64. Total pay requests of **\$1,383,178.93**.

Mr. Breit made a motion to approve the pay applications 21, 22, 23 and was seconded by **Mr. Westover**. **Motion was carried.**

Solar Production Update

Solar generation continues to offset approximately \$5,000–\$7,000 per month in electrical costs. The Commission discussed maintenance considerations around the solar array. Robotic mowing trial unsuccessful due to loss of cloud connectivity under solar panels. Additional vegetation management options are being evaluated.

Influent pH Monitoring

Influent pH continues to be monitored though SCADA integration is pending.

Commissioner Westover Reappointment

Marathon County will review the reappointment at their August 25 meeting.

New Business

Customer and Hauler gathering scheduled for Friday at 11:30 a.m. Quorum notice will be posted.

Sewer Use Ordinance Update

Legal counsel provided recommended updates incorporating PFAS, mercury, and industrial discharge requirements. A full draft ordinance amendment will be prepared and distributed for review.

Facility Maintenance- Men's restroom hot water handle requires repair. **Budget**

Workshop Scheduling

The Commission confirmed the Budget Workshop will be held **September 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM**.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by **Mr. Kipp** and seconded by **Mr. Beidermann**. **Motion carried unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at **12:31 p.m.**