

GRAND VALLEY REGIONAL BIOSOLIDS AUTHORITY



AGENDA

Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority Meeting

Thursday August 28, 2025

1:30pm

Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)

1300 Market Avenue SW, Grand Rapids

1. Call to Order at 1:35

2. Attendance: Members/Alternatives present: James Ouzts, Tim Burkman, and Aaron Vis, Myron Erickson. Meeting has quorum.

Non-Members in attendance:

Miguel Hernandez, Alexia Hall, Kieran Kelly, Jon Burke, Jared Grabinski, Andrew Meyer, Mike Rummelt, Wayne Jernberg, Carly Aller, Jessica Wood, Kevin Lynch, Jon Burke

3. Approval of July 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Aaron V. proposed minutes be reviewed outside of the meeting and brought back for approval at next meeting. Minutes look like they were done by AI, rather than going through the entire document for editing during the meeting. As note-taker is not familiar with field terminology, recommending the GVRBA Secretary conduct the review prior to submittal moving forward.

Motion: Moving forward, minutes will be reviewed by the GVRBA Secretary, James Ouzt is in this role, prior to submitting to GVRBA for approval at GVRBA meetings. Secretary Ouzt will review July 24th minutes and bring to next meeting for approval.

Motion: Aaron Vis

Second: James Ouzt

Vote: All in favor- Motion Carried

4. Public Comments Period

No Comments

5. Resolution 2025-10: Resolution Extending the Price Agreement with Polydyne for Polymer Services for FY 2026.

This item is used for thickening biosolids and as a lube to run cake into silos. GVRBA has been with Polydyne since 2010. Polydyne did not do an upcharge for 2026. Last increase was in 2025, but it has been minimal. Polydyne creates a blend that is specifically tailored for our use, so it's hard to compare bids.

Motion: James Outz

Second: Aaron Vis

Vote: All in favor- Motion Carried

6. Resolution 2025-11: Resolution Extending the Pricing Agreement with Pure Air Filtration for Activated Carbon and Carbon Change-Out Servicers for FY 2026

Use for odor control, as well as both storage tanks and our Concentrated Waste. Pure Air quote is submitted at 4.5% increase per bag of Carbon (SulphasorbXL), and 3% increase in for the change out service. We have been working with them since 2015. If we bid, it would require a new profile.

Motion: James Outz

Second: Aaron Vis

Vote: All in favor- Motion Carried

7. Resolution 2025-12: Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a CEM Smart 6

Solids/Moisture Analyzer for a Not To Exceed Amount of \$17,685.00

Analyzer to analyze their centrifuges, this one does the analyzing in 7-8 minutes. When we know our incoming solids and cake solids, we can make quicker changes. This analyzer measures before and after, and installation is included. We have \$100,000 budgeted for this type of expense. We have not found anything quicker; this is also the least expensive, but we are getting multiple quotes.

Motion: Myron Erickson-Motion

Second: James Outz

Vote: All in favor- Motion Carried

8. Finances

a. Budget-to-Actual FY2024

b. Invoices YTD FY2024

c. FY23 Audit Report Presentation

- \$383,000- Estimate excess for FY2025
- \$9.7 million has been put in for FY2025
 - This includes the subtraction of True-Up, at an estimated \$2.7 million
- \$1.6 million was budgeted for Polymer, but only used \$1 million
- \$8.2 million budgeted for contractual services but only use approximately \$7 million.

There is no fiscal audit report for FY23-disregard this comment it was a typo

9. Operations Team Update:

- Land Application
 - Durango continues to haul and land apply Biosolids
 - 4.15 million gallons, 707 dry tons. Wyoming currently has 2.7 million gallons in storage
- Dewatering Facility Report

- Wyoming sent 1.7 million gallons, 271 dry tons in July
- Solids are at 23.5%, below our solids target of 25%
- Recovery rate is 97.5%, above our target of 95%
- FY25 Budget Summary and Details
 - True Up is under budget at 2.7 Million under budget with true up.
 - 870/dry ton below FY24 but additional expenses incurred
 - The 11,675 total dry tons is what we expect to see moving forward.

Question: Why does true up show up in the budget? Because True Up, can't be disbursed as a check; instead, the funds are taken in and the expenses are track for the year.

10. Board Member Comments:

Aaron V– Working with Moran to finalize the resolution

Tim Burkman –Jessica Wood came into to continue the discussion on two topics, the amendment changes to bylaws and the dissolution language.

Jessica Wood.- GVRBA member's residency requirement

Back in May there was a discussion to remove the language around the board members' residency requirement and replace with a requirement to "demonstrate a commitment to the vision of the GVRBA ..." These changes apply to section Article 2 Section 2.1. of the GVRBA Bylaws.

"Section 2.1. Composition of Board. The Board shall consist of four (4) regular members (also referred to herein as "directors"). Two (2) regular members shall be appointed by the City Commission of the City of Grand Rapids (hereinafter referred to as "Grand Rapids") and two (2) regular members shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as "Wyoming"). In addition, the Grand Rapids City Commission and the Wyoming City Council shall each appoint one (1) alternate member. Both regular and alternate members must demonstrate a commitment to the vision of the Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority ("GVRBA") by providing leadership in a regional biosolids management program, contributing to a safe, educated, and well-trained workforce, enhancing the local economy, and effectively communicating with all stakeholders. Each regular and alternate member shall serve at the pleasure of the legislative body of the municipality who appointed that individual and may be removed, with or without cause, by such legislative body."

Additional minor edits applied to Bylaws in Article VI Section 6.2. and Article IX Section 9.2..

ACTION: To properly vote and approve the changes a notice to request language changes to the Bylaws must be added to the GVRBA September 25, 2025 meeting agenda as an action item. This will allow GVRBA to vote on the proposed change to Bylaws.

Jessica Wood.- GVRBA Dissolution Language

Dissolution Language- in prior meetings Jessica advised on this topic and brought

forth four(4) solution variations – ? & ? revert to GR 2&3 revert to WY

- Revert allocations ???
- Agreement to negotiate good faith
- Recommends GVRBA review the previously presented options and select one variation or arrive at a combination of four (4) variations proposed.

Other Updates: James Ouzts noted Levi is working on reimbursements for biosolids

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

12. Date and time of next meeting – **September 25, 2025 @ 1:30pm**