

GRAND VALLEY REGIONAL BIOSOLIDS AUTHORITY



MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2025 at 1:30 pm

Water Resource Recovery Facility

1300 Market Ave SW - Grand Rapids

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Hurt.

2. Members in attendance

Chairman James Hurt, Tim Burkman, Myron Erickson, Aaron Vis

Others present

Michael Rummelt, Kieran Kelley, Jared Grabinski, Tiffany Berry, Sky Farrell, Andrew Meyer

3. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2024

Corrections addressed:

- 10C. – “plant cleaning to tank cleaning”

Tim Burkman motioned to approve the minutes as corrected

Seconded by Aaron Vis

Motion Carries

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Tank Cleaning Work by SET (Payment Discussion)

Tank cleaning by SET was approved with a not to exceed amount of \$120,000. They quoted about \$87,000. SET billed \$173,000 due to a leaking valve that kept them on site for an additional 1-2 days. The board will authorize the project manager to negotiate up to the \$120,000 not to exceed amount. Anything over must come to the board.

6. GVRBA Joint Agreement (Discussion)

Wyoming's finance director is requesting the JOA be modified to better interpret the intent of the agreement. The board decided to forward guidelines set by their finance director to legal counsel for suggestions.

7. FY2025 Budget Detail and Summary

Fiscal year 2025 budget and budget detail through the end of November 2024 attached and filed. Extra costs to include \$500,000 for the dryer design engineering and \$20,000 for a chemical scrubber pump for Wyoming. Additional costs to cover upgrading of VFD's, cake pumps, twin screws, power batching systems. Costs to move to a microwave system for cake sample collection and PFA's study to carry forward to FY2026. Overall FY2026 is sitting at \$12,037,698 which is a decrease of about \$456,00 from FY2025.

8. Biosolids Land Application Presentation (Kevin Lynch)

Presentation postponed until next meeting due to absence of Mr. Lynch.

9. Updates: Operations Team

Mr. Rummelt presented the following:

- a. Land Operation Report – Durango hauled 2.1 million gallons, 422 dry tons in December. Wyoming's storage to around 1.4 million gallons. As of January 8th, Wyoming started sending all their sludge to the Dewatering facility due to a mixer issue.
- b. Dewatering Facility Report – Operations have been going very well. Wyoming sent just under 1 million gallons, 156 dry tons, to the dewatering facility. December the Centrate recovery rate was just over 99% recovery which is above the 95% goal and solids were 23% which is under the 25% goal.

Mr. Rummelt confirmed the two-week trial with SiClear has not yet occurred because needed parts are still being acquired.

10. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month, 1:30 pm at the WRRF with the exception of the December meeting which will be on Thursday the 18th due to the Holiday.

11. Board Member Comments

Mr. Erickson announced his retirement effective March 20th of 2025. He informed Wyoming City Manager John Shay will continue to serve as board member initially to provide continuity.

Mr. Hurt announced his retirement effective February 20th of 2025.

Mr. Meyer mentioned there has been conversation regarding running Wyoming sludge through biodigestion at the WRRF because the concentrated waste program was eliminated by the rate study. This will be brought to the board at a future meeting.

12. Adjournment – Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2025 at 1:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.