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MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 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: Myron Erickson at 1:33 pm

2. **Attendance**

All Present: All regular board members were in attendance (John Shay was not present). All in Attendance: Kevin Lynch, Kieran Kelley, Jared Grabinski, Wayne Jernberg, Andrew Meyer, Alexia Hall, Carly Aller, Mike Rummelt, Tim Burkman, James Ouzts, Rachael Brower, Aaron Vis, Myron Erickson, Tiffany Berry, Miguel Hernandez

3. **Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2025 Meeting**

*Motion: **Myron Erickson**, supported by **Tim Burkman**, moved to approve the minutes of the Feb 27, 2025 meeting as revised. Motion carried. Minutes were updated in the packet.*

4. **Comments from audience regarding agenda items**

None.

5. **Ops Team Monthly Report**

Mike Rummelt spoke on his Ops team report: Operations within the dewatering facility have been going very well. Wyoming sent around 2 million gallons, 415 dry tons, to the dewatering facility. December the Centrate recovery rate was 98.6% which is above our 95% goal and the cake solids were 24.2% which is just under our 25% goal.

6. **Biosolids Presentation**

Kevin Lynch presented on land application of biosolids, the new contractor Durango a hauler also hired Beneficial Connections to assist with the land applying, and the new Raven system works with GIS, and has a 0 down time, it balances the land applying evenly across the fields utilizing hoses and frac line. They're not overlaying soil types yet, currently max load is based on soil sampling.

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7. Durango Contract Extension

Durango has come to us with a 5 year extension and contract resolution outlining rates for upcoming years. Kevin recommends that we approve the contract extension, Tim Burkman asked about when it should go out to bid again, and Kevin stated that they had gone out to bid three years ago and the other applicants prior were not selected for quality reasons, and our current contractor does not have state or regulatory issues, and at the beginning of the year when they took over in April 2024 they did not have the equipment and tools they do now, they were all purchased throughout the year for use with our contract as their sole customer, and our current option is working well even if it is the only option. Myron would vote yes for extending the contract. Tim asked if we have had a 5 year contract, and Myron said he didn't believe so it used to be annual and had utilized Synagro left 8 years ago and then a few bad interim contractors, and now working with Durango and it has been going very well for this project. We are their only contract right now, and their investment in their assets is extensive, which benefits us. They are located right next to Wyoming's Plant. Both GVRBA and Durango would benefit from a longer term (as Durango can amortize their new equipment over more years). This contract extension has gone through the attorney review successfully.

Recommendation to approve contract extension.

Motion: Myron Erickson, and Aaron Vis made the motion, supported by Tim Burkman, moved to approve to Durango Contract as written. Motion carried.

8. GVRBA Assets/Dissolution

Aaron talked about discussing with their finance director about the Wyoming audit that they wanted some clarity as it relates to a seed money contribution made back before the GVRBA was an organization. To date, that seed money has not been reimbursed in the last twenty years plus, both Wyoming and Grand Rapids each put forth approximately 200,000.00 (to be verified) in seed money, its considered a contribution on the GVRBA books. A quick way to balance the books would be to reimburse both Wyoming and Grand Rapids for their contributions, their finance director is going to be meeting with their auditor to determine how best to proceed. Hoping to have a resolution at the April meeting.

The second portion is to discuss assets upon dissolution, and Jessica has some proposed language for the assets, Aaron suggested seeing how the process of reimbursement of seed funding goes and set up a plan for what happens to the assets if GVRBA dissolves and where the assets go because the previous language was not clear. It would be good to have Jessica attend next months meeting.

9. GVRBA Financials

Miguel spoke on the budget, we are at 66% of the budget for this FY, and this record

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does not include the debt service payment, he said everything looks good. He suggested he knew where the documents were that had information on the seed funding in the archives. If it would be easier we could probably do the seed money out of the fund balance because there is roughly 7 million probably with out that debt service payment. Myron agreed that it may be easier for future board members to see the reimbursements come from the fund balance to prevent confusion.

10. Board member Comments

Tim – we'll have an election of officers soon, and we should have preferably Jessica from Dickenson come next month.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **14:13** p.m.