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### AGENDA

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Water Resource Recovery Facility

1300 Market Ave SW - Grand Rapids

1. Call to Order 1:34pm

Attendance:

Members/Alternates Present: Aaron Vis, Myron Erickson, James Ouzts. Meeting has quorum.

Non-members in attendance:

Jon Burke, Carly Aller, Andrew Meyer, Jared Grabinski, Kieran Kelley, Rachael Brower, Doug Matthews, Mike Rummelt

2. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2025

Motion: Approve minutes as is.

**Motion:** Aaron Vis

**Second:** Myron Erickson

**Vote:** All in favor - Motion Carried

Comments noted by James Ouzts regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

3. Public Comments

No comments

4. Resolution of dissolution language and initial contribution reimbursements – Aaron Vis  
Issue regarding seed money reimbursement and dissolution language has been outstanding for over a year. Wyoming's auditors and GR's auditors reviewed the matter.

Auditor Findings:

- Reimbursement of seed money does not have immediate impact.
- Dissolution language does not need immediate revision, can be addressed if dissolution occurs.
- Recommendation: Leave all language as is.

**Motion:** James Ouzts

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**Second:** Myron Erickson

**Vote:** All in favor – Motion Carried

5. Ops Team Report – Mike Rummelt

Durango hauled 294 dry tons in December.

Wyoming currently has 1.4M gallons in storage.

The dewatering facility processed 1.6M gallons, 208 dry tons, in December.

Solids averaged 21.5%

Recovery rate of 98%.

Centrifuge still out for repair. Expected delivery and reinstallation scheduled for next Tuesday.

Budget numbers through September stands at \$809 per dry ton. Data accuracy challenges noted due to new process changes in solids handling.

The new digestion process has complicated partner percentage calculations, requiring adjustments. Andrew Meyer prepared a potential resolution to correct these discrepancies and adapt to new processes.

Report was received and placed on file.

Board acknowledged the need for process improvements and agreed to revisit partner percentage methodology at the next meeting.

6. Proposed FY27 Budget – Jon Burke

Jon presented a proposal for a FY27 budget.

Key items:

- Line items 21 & 22 reflect Wyoming solids assumptions
- Roof replacements for Segments 1 & 4.
- Third chemical scrubber pump (two replaced in past three years).
- PFAS study (carryover for a couple years).
- Dryer design and engineering: Approx. \$500,000 for long-term planning.
- Reduction in O&M expenses across the board due to solids shift from GR to Wyoming.
- Land application reduced from 30M gallons due to sending solids to GR.
- Debt coverage ratio maintained at 1.25.

Board Comments:

James Ouzts and Myron Erickson expressed support. Budget appears healthy and includes funding for engineering/design studies. Pleased with the submission being on-time.

**Motion to approve:** Myron Erickson

**Second:** Aaron Vis

**Vote:** All in favor – Motion Carried

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## 7. Discussion Topics

- Nominate Wayne Jernberg to our vacant position on GVRBA – James Ouzts
  - i. James Ouzts nominates Wayne Jernberg for vacant GVRBA position following Tim Burkman’s departure. Recommendation goes to City Commission for approval.  
  
**Motion:** James Ouzts  
**Second:** Myron Erickson  
**Vote:** All in favor – Motion Carried
- Discuss MMRMA insurance and additional insurance coverage for \$1 annually and authorized users on 5/3rd bank account – James Ouzts
  - i. James Ouzts presented new coverage for theft/embezzlement at \$1/year (waived first year). Discussion on authorized financial signers. To be discussed with Miguel Hernandez present at next meeting. Myron Erickson commented signers were discussed a couple years ago. Tim Burkman was likely a signer and likely makes sense to stay with Grand Rapids.

## 8. Financials – Miguel Hernandez

- FY26 Budget versus Actual report
- Financial Statements from auditors
  - i. James stated Miguel is not present today.

Report was received and placed on file. No corrective actions identified.

## 9. Board Member Comments

- Aaron Vis: Update on Wyoming solids handling, we are planning four studies with Donahue, 3 of them related to biosolids – investigate pipeline and pump resiliency, review of thickening and centrifuge replacement timing, and sludge screening. More details expected in 3–5 months.
- Myron Erickson – No comments.
- James Ouzts - No comments.

## 10. Reminder of meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## 11. Adjournment at 2:07pm

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**Motion:** Myron Erickson

**Second:** Aaron Vis

**Vote:** All in favor – Motion Carried to Adjourn