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MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 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: Tim Burkman at 1:35pm

2. **Attendance**

Present:

Kevin Lynch, Jon Burke, **Aaron Vis**, **Tim Burkman**, Rachael Brower, Tiffany Berry, **James Ouzts**, Wayne Jernberg, Andrew Meyer, Kieran Kelly, Miguel Hernandez, Jared Grabinski

3. **Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2025 Meeting**

*Motion: **Aaron Vis**, supported by **James Ouzts**, moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.*

JO by ME to approve election as nominated to be changed.

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

None.

5. **Agenda Item 4 & 5**

Bank Signature change over, MMRMA is no longer issuing paper checks so we need to make changes to our account so we can accept ACH deposits. ProForma from 5/3 and a small fee to be able to do ACH payments, fees will be less than \$500 a month to allow ACH and remove the need to do wire transfers. Conversion was made that it would cost almost 6,000 per year to allow us to cash a 2,000 check, and Miguel said he can find a different way for the city to take care of it, the board agreed that that price was not cost prohibitive and to hold off on making that election.

James Hurt was the signatory on the bank, they have had Molly's approval as signatory, but the bank needs the board to confirm the change for signatory from James Hurt to Tim Burkman.

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*Motion to confirm that James Hurt is switched to Tim Burkman: **James Ouzts**, supported by **Aaron Vis**, moved to approve **MOTION**. Motion carried.*

6. Monthly Financials

Miguel said that Oracle isn't working well yet and he does not have accurate numbers at this time and will have them next month even if he has to do them manually. He was able to affirm that the bank account is sitting at 6.5 million and we are under budget.

7. Ops report

Ops report read by Keven Lynch

8. Very healthy true up on the budget with GR receiving 3m and Wy 1.8m as a result of some efficiencies with polymer and carbon.

Polydyne contact has run out and has not been renewed, and we can extend through the end of the year and Kevin will be bringing that in writing once he has it.

The Operations Team is providing the following Monthly Report to the Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority (GVRBA) Board of Directors for May & June 2025.

Land Application Report

Durango has continued to haul and land applying Biosolids. During the month of May, they were able to haul and apply 2.9 million gallons, 454 dry tons. In June they were able to haul and apply 2.5 million gallons, 390 dry tons. Wyoming currently has about 3.1 million gallons in storage.

Dewatering Facility Report

Operations within the dewatering facility have been going well. Wyoming sent 700,000 gallons, 94 dry tons, to the Dewatering facility during the last week of May and sent 1.6 million gallons, 255 dry tons in June. During the month of May and June our solids averaged 23.4%, which is lower than our target of 25% with a recovery rate of 98.6%, which is above our target of 95%

9. Sludge Hauling Contract Updates

Sludge hauling contract with Durango -Aaron Vis

History – WY has had a land app program for a long time with synagrow and then a couple companies since then, most recent MAS who then sold out to Biotech and WY

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wont work with them, and that voided their contract, and MAS basically had Durango doing the land applying, and Durango tried to continue a working relationship with us, and the field finders began partnering together to create a contract and entered into a 5 year contract this spring because things had been going so well, but shortly after that the wheels started coming off and the field finders aren't getting paid well and also aren't working well, both sides are

(Myron has joined and expressed his apologies at 1:53)

GVRBA has been on the sidelines until recently until a couple weeks ago where we let them know expectations and we don't feel like they will be able to work together in the future, and they are falling behind in their ability. GVRBA priorities are farmer relationships and different land appliers, and EGLE's requirements, and finding dependable truckers. Durango has done that for the last ten years, the pool of qualified teams is not deep, and so we're kind of stuck in a spot with this. Our expectation is that they're going to work together to resolve the situation, what we've asked are ppg quote for Durango to solely provide the trucking, and for the other two to find fields for applying individually and have as of yet are two weeks overdue on submitting that information. The original contract was approved by the WY city atty, and WY will keep the city atty involved as we try to continue to keep them working together and well enough to avoid problems with the egle and farmers.

GVRBA contract with Durango, not the field finders, who are only a handshake agreement. Durango has the contract to haul and land apply,

Looking into finding out if and how we can get out of the Durango contract. But in the mean time we're trying to get them to haul as much as possible.

Jared asked about the biosolids to the digester and impacts, and Jon Burke is saying that Durango, and Field finders are just not getting along even though their leaving money on the table. Myron says he thinks it sounds like Durango is in breach of contract, Wayne suggests a letting from the atty saying if/then breach of contract.

Myron asked if we're happy with the performance of Durango, but not the getch bros (field finders) then? Durango is saying they're wanting to work, the field finders are the ones not doing the work and they're saying their not getting paid.

Andrew suggested charging them for the sludge they're sending to us.

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10. MOU Agreement between WY and CoGR CW digester

James briefed on the included draft for discussion, Aaron said this is just a Board FYI because this is just for WY and not GVRBA, for awareness, Tim asked what the impact on the budget would be, and James segued into the surcharges, Andrew wants to freeze it over the last ten year avg.

Myron wants to see some sort of agreement for from Wyoming covage for GVRBA asset use. Inter local agreement

Board member comments: Myron was again sorry he was late. Aaron responded chck in with an oath as part of the bylaws, and CoWY is not required for them. James and Tim had to sign an oath of ethics.

Note to look at a requirement to take an office, and if we need to formally discuss it at the next meeting and talk with Jessica about removing it.

Aaron also mentioned the auditors and the seed money has not had any new updates on that either.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **14:27** p.m.