

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility

Commission meeting

July 21st, 2022

Board Members Present: John Bond, Greg Engeset, Kevin Westhuis. Absent: Steve Skinner, Gary Newton. Randy Lindquist also present. On-line: Kip Peters, Rick Caruso, Jim Thanig, Joe Intihar, Adebowale “Wa-le” Adesanwo (DNR).

John Bond called meeting to order at 8:30 am.

- **Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of Bills: Motion was made and passed to approve May payments totaling \$168,851.22. M/S Greg/Kevin – passed unanimously

- Approval of June Minutes: Motion was made and passed to approve the June 16th Board meeting minutes and the “special” meeting minutes to review the phase 0.5 project that was called and properly noticed for June 30th. M/S Greg/Kevin – passed unanimously

Financial Report:

Randy presented financial report as outlined in agenda packet. Billed revenues of \$280,322.61 and monthly expenses of \$275,755.70 M/S Greg/John – passed unanimously

Facilities Report:

Facility had a good month and no issues to report

Transportation Transition to Synagro Update:

Everything going well. Currently have 3 drivers and they will be adding 1 soon. No issues reported from member communities being serviced. Folks are noticing the brand-new trucks and equipment.

- **Old Business:**

- Phase 0.5 update – Eric from Donahue reviewed the draft plan. ~60% completed plans. Potential October bidding of the project. Still about an 8-million-dollar project.

- Discussed 2023 “End Product” hauling agreement with Rohl Custom Harvesting. Has agreed to haul for one more year but needs a raise due to fuel costs and additional regulation related to licensing of vehicles. Cost will go from 70 to about 90k. May go out to bid next year. M/S Kevin /Greg – passed unanimously
- Randy reviewed a Sec 125 POP insurance plan for WCWBF employees. This plan relates to paying for insurance “pre-taxed”. Randy reviewed with industry experts and is comfortable with moving ahead with this. Will save employees and company a little money. M/S Greg/John – passed unanimously

New Business:

- Mondovi sent a letter to WCWBF asking for a one-year Contract Extension to their expiring 10-year contract while they complete their own facility. Board agreed to extend for one year at the current rate. If another year is needed, the Board will most likely offer an “Emergency Rate” at that point. M/S Greg/Kevin – passed unanimously
- There was a request by Hudson to offer a better “remote in” experience for those unable to attend the Board meetings in person. The Board agreed this needs attention. Before a “buy” decision will be made, the Board is going to visit River Falls, Hudson, and New Richmond and use

their technology for the next three board meetings to help decide. The August meeting will be held in River Falls using the Microsoft “Teams” format and their technology.

- River Falls Non-Renewal letter was reviewed by the board. A comment was made by Greg Engeset that he hopes a mutual aid agreement can be explored for a potential “shared facilities” agreement moving forward past 2025.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned. M/S Kevin/Greg