GRAND VALLEY REGIONAL BIOSOLIDS AUTHORITY

AGENDA

October 29th, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Water Resource Recovery Facility

1300 Market Ave SW – Grand Rapids

1. Call to Order at 1:29pm

   Members/Alternates in attendance:
   John Shay, Myron Erickson, James Ouzts, Wayne Jernberg. Meeting has quorum.

   Non-members in attendance:
   Mike Rummelt, Carly Aller, Jon Burke, Kevin Lynch

2. Approval of Minutes from September 24th, 2026 Meeting
   Noted adjustments needed for the minutes from two months prior. Kevin Lynch to send adjusted minutes to Carly Aller.

   Approved as is. Minutes received and filed.

3. Public Comments
   No comments

4. Ops Team Report – Kevin Lynch
   - Land application haulers applied 1.8 million gallons equating to 289 dry tons.
   - Wyoming currently has 0.8 million gallons in storage, continue to keep storage levels low due to having only one tank available. Low chemical use.
   - Dewatering facility performance is strong, with 227 dry tons sent to Grand Rapids at 3% solids.
   - Centrifuge operation remains excellent, achieving 99.6% capture rates and producing 22% solids.
   - Early in the fiscal year, the program is averaging $894 per dry ton. Polymer usage is approximately 10% of the annual budget.

   Discussion:
   - Myron Erickson asked whether the 3% solids concentration was lower than prior years.

- Kevin Lynch noted that 3% is consistent with operational targets and screen capacity limits.
- James Ouzts shared that engineering services will be reviewing ways to improve sludge pumping efficiency.

- Kevin Lynch reported the Annual Biosolids Report was submitted for the period October–September.
  - 3,642 dry tons land-applied; 7,539 dry tons disposed to landfill.
  - Totals are in line with previous years, no violations are anticipated.

Report received and placed on file.

5. Resolution for Republic Landfill Agreement – James Ouzts
   James Ouzts reviewed the proposed renewal:
   - Republic issued a 5% rate increase.
   - Agreement term: 9-month renewal, with all other terms unchanged.
   - After the 9-month period, the Board should consider issuing a competitive bid.
   - Waste Management expressed interest in receiving GVRBA biosolids, but costs were four times higher than current rates and would require transporting material to Kalamazoo.

   Board Recommendation: Pass Resolution
   Motion: Wayne Jernberg
   Second: Myron Erickson
   Vote: All in favor – Motion Carried

6. Board Member Comments
   - Wayne Jernberg: No comments.
   - John Shay: Asked for an update on the TAG group.
     i. James Ouzts reported that the meeting was cancelled this week. Discussions with the state regarding land application approvals are progressing, with anticipated finalization in spring. Onsite storage may require modifications to the vactor dump site to allow proper solid handling.
     ii. John Shay asked whether EGLE has the necessary information for its decision.
     iii. Kevin Lynch noted that they are awaiting lab data and schematics from Grand Rapids. Kevin to send a follow-up email on this information.
     iv. Myron Erickson: No comments.

- James Ouzts: Reported positive performance from digesters, noting a 42–52% reduction attributed to Wyoming sludge contributions.

7. Reminder of meeting November 19th, 2026 in Wyoming

8. Adjournment at 1:41pm