

KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY
MINUTES
August 25, 2022 – 9:00 A.M
1600 W Brookmont Blvd.

In attendance:

Board of Directors:

Mayor Christopher Curtis, City of Kankakee
Mayor Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais
Mayor Brian Stump, Village of Aroma Park
Financial Director Robert Romo, Village of Bradley
Alderman Danita Swanson, City of Kankakee
Alderman Larry Osenga, City of Kankakee
Steven Hunter, Representative, City of Kankakee

Administration:

Dave Tyson, KRMA Executive Director
Nichole Modschiedler, Smith, Koelling, Dykstra & Ohm, P.C

Attorney:

Neal Smith, Robbins Schwartz

KRMA Staff:

Melanie Gossett, Asst. Superintendent, Technical Services

Other:

Terry Memenga, Alternate, Village of Bradley
Jeff Bonty, Kankakee Daily Journal

Chairman, Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order

I. **Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. All Board members were present.

II. **Public Comment**

None

III. **Approval of Board Minutes July 20, 2022, and July 28, 2022 – Special and Regular Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the July 20, 2022, Special Board Meeting and July 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by: Dir Hunter and seconded by Vice Chairman Schore. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

Approval of Board Minutes August 11, 2022 – Special Meeting

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022, Special Meeting was made by: Dir Swanson and seconded by Dir Osenga. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

IV. **Reports**

A. **Operations & Maintenance Report**

Monthly Report

Exec Dir Tyson stated everything is fine. Melanie Gossett, Assist Superintendent made a correction to the highlights in the MOR, stating the fecal coliform violation was in August 2022, not July 2022. She also welcomed our new Administrative Assistant Suzy Berrones and gave acknowledgement to Tawonda Brown for achieving her MBA Degree. Dir Hunter asked what is the ratification about the fecal coliform violation? Melanie responded, she believes it was a contaminated sample. All the samples before and after were well below the limit.

B. **Executive Director Report**

1. **Water, Gas & Electric Use/Cost**

Exec. Dir. Dave Tyson presented the yearly utility usage. Exec Dir Tyson stated KRMA had a good month, utilities were down slightly.

2. Hauled In Waste Summary

Exec. Dir. Tyson stated hauled in waste is down. He stated Newton County has cut back. Dir Romo asked why is Newton County cutting back? Exec Dir Tyson replied, he's not sure, but we are in contract negotiations. Chairman Curtis asked, does the cutback effect KRMA's operations? Exec Dir Tyson replied, no.

3. Operations Report

Exec Dir Dave Tyson stated we are doing our annual maintenance on our generator. The plant is running well. KRMA had a virtual meeting with Kensing, and has another meeting scheduled two weeks from today. Kensing plant will be inspected by KRMA's Management Team. Exec Dir Tyson expressed his concerns and gave his ideas of solutions.

C. Financial Report

1. Reports

Nichole Modschiedler presented the financial statements, stating the balance sheet shows cash position continues to be strong and our profit loss number as of year to date is in line with budget.

2. Hauled In Waste Report

Nicole stated hauled in waste continues to increase net income.

3. Flows Graphs

No Update

D. Communications

1. IEPA Violation Notice

Exec Dir Tyson informed the board members that KRMA had some violations. KRMA received a violation notice from IEPA. Art responded in writing right away to the violation. Exec Dir Tyson gave a brief description and response to the violations. He stated the violation was caused by heavy rain and loads, since we only have three trains, whenever we get a heavy load and/or rain, we don't have enough service area to treat. Also, to get rid of the filamentous bacteria, we had to increase our air flow. The fecal violation was a bad sample. Melanie added that this violation was from May 2022, and we went over the training with the person that conducted the sample. Now we have another one in August 2022. Dave also added KRMA is at 75% of our capacity, therefore, even with Newton County volume being down, we are still in need of expansion to be able to prevent violations like these.

V. Old Business

A. CSL Update

No Update, Exec Dir Tyson stated CSL still plans to be online by the end of the year.

B. NARP Update

Exec Dir Tyson stated Strand Associates is working on an update. There should be a report completed by the end of the year. KRMA is on track for reporting.

C. Bradley Property

Dir Romo stated there have been scheduled meetings with some consultants. There should be a final report between 60-90 days. There was discussion amongst the board members regarding changes the Village of Bradley would like to see at KRMA. There was discussion regarding the expansion on whether KRMA will and/or will not have access to the Village of Bradley property and if KRMA will and/or will not continue to accept Newton County loadings. Dir Romo continues to express his concern regarding the expansion. Chairman Curtis stated despite the controversy, it has been proven that an expansion is needed, we just need to know the size of expansion we will need. Dir Romo also asked that a line item: Changes to By-Laws be placed on next month agenda.

D. ICP Machine

Chairman Curtis stated there's a need for a compressor to be installed on the ICP Machine. We will come back later after study to see if the cost will be split between the City of Kankakee and KRMA or if City of Kankakee will cover 100% of cost.

E. Republic Contract

Exec Dir Tyson stated they received a reply regarding the contract. Republic does want a long-term contract however, they do not want a guaranteed monthly minimum amount, therefore, we are still in negotiation.

F. **Security Updates**

Chairman Curtis stated the City of Kankakee will supplying KRMA with security cameras.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Consideration of Close Session Minutes (July 2021 – December 2021)**

Attorney Neal gave instructions on how the close session minutes are handled. Dir Romo stated he needs more time to review.

VII. **Executive Session**

A. **Personnel & Probable or Imminent Litigation**

None

VIII. **Next Meeting**

Next Regular Board Meeting- **Thursday, September 22, 2022 (9:00 A.M. at KRMA Board Room)**

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Dir Osenga and seconded by Dir Stump. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.