

KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY
MINUTES
February 24, 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
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
Karen Benson, Smith, Koelling, Dykstra & Ohm, P.C

Attorney:

Neal Smith, Robbins Schwartz

KRMA Staff:

Arthur Strother, Superintendent
Dustin Scheppler, Asst. Superintendent, Operations
Melanie Gossett, Asst. Superintendent, Technical Services

Other:

Dan Small, Strand Associates
Terry Memenga, Alternate, Village of Bradley
Mayor Michael Watson, Village of Bradley

Chairman, Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order

I. **Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. All Board members were present except for Mayor Brian Stump.

II. **Public Comment**

None

III. **Approval of Board Minutes December 16, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting**

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

IV. **Reports**

A. **Operations & Maintenance Report**

Monthly Report

Art presented the MOR. Art informed the Board that all the required annual reports requested by the USEPA and IEPA have been completed and submitted. Also, KRMA's five-year Risk Management report requested by the USEPA has been updated and submitted. Art also discussed why the loading for February will be high. There were several questions regarding the ratification, contribution, restrictions, and consequences of when the Kankakee River rises. Art stated when rain falls and snow melt occurs, it scours out the collection system and the ratification result could be a violation to the river. He stated that the heaviest contribution thus far is coming from City of Kankakee due to the rain fall and the snow melt. He stated when the river gets high, that adds to our influent flow, and we should not have to treat it. He stated during the holidays a majority of industries shut down. Also, KRMA does not place restrictions.

Dir Hunter asked about the testing of Covid in wastewater? Melanie replied, informing the Board that KRMA is participating in three different programs: National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS), Program with the State (IDPH) and a Private lab. If anyone is interested, she will pass along the links, so they can see the results.

B. Executive Director Report

1. Water, Gas & Electric Use/Cost

Exec. Dir. Dave Tyson presented the yearly utility usage. Most of the utilities are running normal; however, natural gas prices have gone up.

2. Hauled In Waste Summary

Exec. Dir. Tyson stated hauled in waste is good this month. We held a meeting with Republic Services, and they see their loadings going down in leachate.

3. Operations Report

Exec Dir Dave Tyson stated KRMA received the Com Ed energy savings grant. He also informed the board that Art, Dustin, and Melanie have been meeting with the industries, monitoring what they are doing for pretreatment before they send it to us, due to the fact we are getting heavier loads this time of year.

C. Financial Report

1. Reports

Karen Benson presented the financial statements, stating the Statement of Net Position is showing strong cash flow. Statement of Revenue/Expense: hauled in waste came in a little above budget which is helpful. Everything seems to be inline with what we budgeted.

2. Hauled In Waste Report

None

3. Flows Graphs

Karen Benson presented the year-to-date flow graphs stating this graph helps us determine how to allocate and budget the expenses to the various municipalities. Kankakee is a little bit higher than what we estimated or budget through the year.

D. Communications

None

V. Old Business

A. CSL Update

Exec Dir Tyson stated CSL is moving along. We are getting monthly updates. Their first phase, pH control, is operable and their second phase regarding ammonia should be complete August of this year.

B. NARP Update

Exec Dir Tyson stated we are doing testing right now. Dan added, we have a State Holder Engagement meeting coming up in March 2022.

C. Bradley Property

Chairman Curtis stated he had a conversation with Mayor Watson, presenting him a term sheet for a possible acquisition of the Bradley 8.98 acres of land located within the KRMA plant. Chairman Curtis stated, Mayor Watson will discuss with his Board and Officials.

D. Each Municipal to discuss on CMOM Status

Exec Dir Tyson stated Aroma Park and Kankakee CMOM reports will be delivered to us tomorrow. He has not heard anything from Bradley or Bourbonnais. Exec Dir Tyson stated he followed up; however, he has not heard anything. Vice Chair Schore and Dir Romo stated they will make sure it gets done.

E. Discussion for Hiring a Lobbyist

Chairman Curtis asked, have we created an RFP? Vice Chair Schore asked, are we looking for State or Federal Lobbyist? Exec Dir Tyson replied the RFP is not complete, however, he has reached out to a couple different Lobbyists to get some information, and we are looking for State and Federal Funding.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Republic Services Contract**

Exec Dir Tyson stated Republic Service is open to a five-year contract. We should have a new contract ready for Republic Service by our April Board Meeting. There were discussion/concerns on what will be in the contract.

B. **Update on Fiscal Year Budget – (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023)**

There will be draft of the FYE Budget for the next board meeting.

VII. **Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, and probable or imminent litigation pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the open meetings act, was made by: Dir. Swanson and seconded by: Dir. Osenga. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present except for Dir Brian Stump.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and probable or imminent litigation.

Motion to return to Open Session was made by: Dir. Romo and seconded by: Vice Chair Schore. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present except for Dir Brian Stump.

With the Board back in open session, there was no motion

VIII. **Next Meeting**

Next Regular Board Meeting- **Thursday, March 24, 2022 (9:00 A.M. at KRMA Board Room)**

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Dir Osenga and seconded by Dir Swanson. All board members present voted in favor of, Dir Brian Stump Absent. Motion Carries.