

KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY
MINUTES
May 26, 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
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
Tara Latz, Alternate, Village of Bourbonnais

Chairman, Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order

I. **Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. All Board members were present except for Director Robert Romo.

II. **Election of Officers for FY 2022-2023**

Dir Romo joins the meeting.

- A. **Chairman** (Currently Mayor Christopher Curtis)- There was no other nominations. Motion for Mayor Christopher Curtis will remain the Chairman for KRMA Board was made by Dir Hunter and seconded by Dir Osenga. Motion passed unanimously. Motion Carried.
- B. **Vice-Chairman** (Currently Mayor Paul Schore)- There was no other nominations. Motion for Mayor Paul Schore will remain the Vice-Chairman for KRMA Board was made by Dir Hunter and seconded by Dir Osenga. Motion passed unanimously. Motion Carried.
- C. **Secretary** (Currently Mayor Brian Stump)- There was no other nominations. Motion for Mayor Brian Stump will remain the Secretary for KRMA Board was made by Dir Hunter and seconded by Dir Osenga. Motion passed unanimously. Motion Carried.

Motion to close nominations was made by Dir Hunter and seconded by Dir Osenga. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

III. **Public Comment**

None

IV. **Approval of Board Minutes April 21, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the April 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by: Vice-Chairman Schore and seconded by Dir Romo. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

V. **Reports**

A. **Operations & Maintenance Report**

Monthly Report

Art presented the MOR. Art stated KRMA is back in compliance with IEPA permit. Chairman Curtis asked, what changes were conducted to put KRMA back in compliance? Art replied, Dustin Scheppler made some adjustments to our flow gates, decreasing the amount of flow coming into the plant and diverting the overflow to our basin. Art stated that due to the weather, making permanent changes is not likely.

B. **Executive Director Report**

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

Exec. Dir. Dave Tyson presented the yearly utility usage. Cost of the utilities have risen due to the state of our nation.

2. **Hauled In Waste Summary**

Exec. Dir. Tyson stated hauled in waste is still very steady. Vice-Chairman Schore asked why did the volume for Liberty increase? Melanie Gossett replied, they started bringing us all their loads.

3. **Operations Report**

Exec Dir Dave Tyson stated we received 2 permits, one from Will County and one from Village of Bradley. KRMA is going to provide active shooter training here on site. Our Drug testing policy will be updated for the new union contract to address the new marijuana laws. KRMA will be hosting the September Economic Alliance meeting.

C. **Financial Report**

1. **Reports**

Karen Benson presented the financial statements, stating the Statement of Net Position continues to have a strong cash balance. Karen informed all the municipalities are current. Karen explained Statement of Rev/Exp: the operating revenue is a full fiscal YTD, and our change in net position shows a full fiscal YTD as well.

2. **Hauled In Waste Report**

Karen stated Hauled in waste is still over the budget.

3. **Flows Graphs**

Karen Benson presented the year-to-date flow graphs stating the new actual will become the upcoming years estimation budget.

D. **Communications**

None

VI. **Old Business**

A. **CSL Update**

Exec Dir Tyson stated CSL projective date is still Aug-Sept 2022 for the ammonia portion of the pretreatment plant. Chairman Curtis stated CSL would like to invite KRMA and the KRMA Board to tour the pretreatment facility.

B. **NARP Update**

Exec Dir Tyson stated last month meeting was very well attended. All attendees want to participate and have interest in keeping the river clean. Dan Smalls-added it was a very good kick off. There were nice discussions conducted. NARP is due at the ends 2023.

C. **Bradley Property**

Chairman Curtis no update, Village of Bradley is not wanting to sell their property. There was a discussion regarding expanding with or without Bradley Property.

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

Karen highlighted the changes that were made in the budget. There was some discussion regarding the makeup of allocation of charges from the municipalities.

E. **Management Medical Insurance Options**

Exec Dir Tyson discussed the options for the management medical insurance.

F. **Cost to Replace Plaques**

Motion to approve the replacement of two plaques was made by Vice-Chairman Schore and seconded by Dir Hunter. Dir Osenga voiced his comment. Dir Hunter withdrawn his motion to approve, therefore, seconded was made by Dir Romo. Vice-Chairman, Dir Hunter, Dir Stump, Dir Swanson, Dir Romo, and Chairman Curtis voted in favor of, Dir Osenga voted not in favor of. Motion Carried.

G. **ICP Machine**

Chairman Curtis stated the ICP Machine is instrumental for the City of Kankakee and KRMA. There was discussion on how the purchase could be made between City of Kankakee and KRMA.

H. **United Healthcare Insurance Renewal**

Motion to approval renewal of United Healthcare Insurance for Management was made by Dir Swanson and seconded by Dir Hunter. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

VII. **New Business**

A. **Generator Overhaul**

Exec Dir Tyson informed the board it's time to have our generator overhauled. There was discussion regarding completing the overhaul or purchasing a new generator. Motion to approve the generator to be overhaul, not to exceed \$100,000 was made by Dir Hunter and seconded by Dir Osenga. All board members voted in favor of. Motion Carried.

B. **Policy for No Trespassing and No Soliciting**

Exec Dir Tyson made the board aware that KRMA will be putting together a policy for no trespassing and no soliciting on the property. KRMA is also going to be looking into more security measures, to lessen our liability.

C. **Republic Contract**

Exec Dir Tyson informed the board that Art and himself had a meeting with Josh regarding the new prospective contract.

VIII. **Executive Session**

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

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

Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present.

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

Motion to return to Open Session was made by: Dir. Osenga and seconded by: Dir Stump. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present.

With the Board back in open session, there was no action.

IX. **Next Meeting**

Next Regular Board Meeting- **Thursday, June 23, 2022 (9:00 A.M. at KRMA Board Room)**

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