

**KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M**

In attendance:

**Board of Directors:**

Mayor Christopher Curtis, City of Kankakee  
Mayor Paul Schore, Village of Bourbonnais  
Mayor Brian Stump, Village of Aroma Park  
Dir 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 (via Team Meetings)

**Attorney:**

Neal Smith, Robbins Schwartz

**KRMA Staff:**

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

**Other:**

Mayor Michael Watson, Alternate, Village of Bradley  
Terry Memenga, Alternate, Village of Bradley  
Craig Henderson, Village of Bradley  
Tara Latz, Alternate, Village of Bourbonnais  
Nichole Modschiedler, Smith Koelling Dykstra & Ohm, P.C  
Daniel Smalls, Strand Associates  
Troy Larson, Strand Associates, (via Team Meetings)

Chairman Mayor Christopher Curtis called the meeting to order. Noting that this is a special meeting.

I. **Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. All Board members were present.

II. **Public Comment**

None.

III. **Discussion of Acquisition of the Bradley Property that is located at the KRMA Plant**

Daniel Smalls, Strand Associates presented a presentation regarding the Capacity Expansion Update. There were several questions that was asked by the Board Members concerning the plan of action to correct the violations and is ammonia the only thing we are being over on and who is our biggest ammonia clients. Dan responded to questions, stating ammonia have been our consistent violation and few hits on solids and that the larger portion is the residential and commercial, specifying that Newton County have a significant of ammonia count as well. Chairman Curtis asked, is the violations due to the new IEPA permit restrictions that we did not have to follow before? Dan answered yes and gave a brief explanation as of why. Dir Romo asked about the Newton County Contract. Exec Dir Tyson responded the contract is still in negotiation. Dir Romo expressed his concern regarding Newton County. Exec Dir Tyson explained even without Newton County KRMA is right at 80% capacity of the plant. Dir Romo expressed concern regarding the cost of expansion with Newton County and the cost without Newton County. Mayor Watson asked if there has been a pinpoint by industry to determine the loads and solids being dumped in the collection system. Chairman Curtis stated City of Kankakee does complete lab that pinpoint what's being dumped in the collection system.

There was more discussion regarding the expansion. Chairman Curtis asked Mayor Watson is the use of Bradley land that is located within the KRMA plant an option and/or not an option for KRMA to acquire the Bradley land, via per cost, per trade, or per trade and cost. The information is needed so we are aware of how to move forward with the expansion. Mayor Watson stated it's an option, however, there is so much internally wrong that needs to be fixed, going forward so that Bradley can be comfortable remaining in this organization. Vice Chairman Schore asked what the issues you have. Mayor Watson listed some issue. Attorney Neal asked why are those issues have to be lumped in for the sale of Bradley property as one decision? Mayor Watson responded, Bradley has one vote of seven on this board, their voice isn't very strong, we have 100% voice on our Bradley property and that's what we're going to use to get the kind of system that works for Bradley going into the future.

Dir Romo and Mayor Watson stressed more issues regarding how the internal decision are being made. Chairman Curtis stated this is a new board and we are open to ideas. Vice Chairman Schore reminded the board of the history of the sewer plant, given them knowledge that the last upgrade was not an expansion it was a remodel, to get it up and running effectively. Chairman Curtis asked Mayor Watson how should we advise Dan Small at this point, to stand down? Mayor Watson responded to stand down. Chairman Curtis suggested Dan Small not to do anymore design at the point.

IV. **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Schore and seconded by Director Osenga. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.