

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

KREMMLING SANITATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The Board of Directors for the Kremmling Sanitation District met in the boardroom located at 200 Eagle Avenue. The meeting was called to order by Director Ken Bentler at 6:01 p.m. Directors present: Dwayne Uhrich, Ken Bentler, and Eric Bradley. Director(s) absent: Jason Bock and Dave Sammons. Staff present: Superintendent Jeremy Bock and District Manager Rich Rosene. Audience present: Walt and Maryann Van Lue of the Hotel Eastin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: UHRICH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2019 AS PRESENTED. BRADLEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURES PRESENTED FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 15, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,632.29. UHRICH SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Superintendent Bock said he is still working with the engineers on finishing up the annual reports to CDPHE. The biosolids, wastewater, and Regulation 84 (reclaim) are due between now and April. The Regulation 85 (nutrients) report was completed in December as he likes to get it in early.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Bock reported that the ammonia was at 16.1 mg/L today which is 1 mg/L lower than last week. He is heading to Dinosaur on Thursday to meet with Wade Stinson of WCS to get 30 gallons of Biolyneus scrubber for the ponds to inoculate them. Some of the bacteria have been killed off by something so he is going to super inoculate them to get it restarted.

The new pickup is scheduled to be built around the middle of next month and he has purchased some new tools for the truck. He will get the tool box from either Murdoch's or Lowe's.

Bentler asked when we need to be back to normal for ammonia and Bock said we are below the limit now, but he wants to see the numbers drop down. He talked to Herb Fancher of Biolyneus who recommended one quart per day. He then talked to Rick, the owner, who recommended a special blend to kick start the bacteria. Bock said he ran the system the same way last year and had no problems, but this year something seems to have affected the bacteria. He saw the numbers change in December and called WCS to come over and investigate. They tested for a number of things but couldn't find anything unusual.

Bock got samples from the new distillery and took them to ACZ Labs in Steamboat to test for BOD, TSS and ammonia. We may want the distillery and brewery owners to come to the next meeting to discuss how the two operations in one building can be monitored. We need to determine if another tap fee is needed and how to charge monthly based on the number of pounds of BOD over a base level. The distillery will need to install a holding tank so the waste liquids can be dosed into our system rather than dumping it all at once. The brewery may also need to install a tank for their cleaning liquid. Any tank installed will need a sampling area. Bock also said they may need to pretreat with peroxide to reduce the BOD before it gets into our collection system. The two operations require separate business licenses and state licenses. They also need to be physically separate operations. There is only one physical tap and service line from the building so they may be able to share a larger dosing tank.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Walt and Maryann Van Lue of the Hotel Eastin came before the board about a water meter that had lost its battery power about 16 months ago (around October, 2017). Their monthly water and sewer bill went down to the minimum monthly charge. The town came over in January of this year and replaced the battery on the meter. The Van Lue's then got a bill the following month for almost \$6,000 for the usage over the 16 months. They felt it was not fair to get such a large bill as the town never notified them there was a problem. They thought the town had put them on a budget billing program like the gas company had. The bill was for over \$1,000 in water and over \$4,000 for sewer for a total around \$5,600.

Walt said that the town's rules and regulations say they should have been put on their average usage rather than minimum usage if a meter is broken. They went to the town board about the water bill last week and the board said they would just charge them the minimum monthly for the period the meter was out of service and start normal charges after the battery was replaced.

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Rosene said he had the usage report from the town for the period when the meter was out and for the 12 to 16 months prior. The total water usage was 727,000 gallons over the 16 month period. Rosene passed out some info on the monthly average and the amount he felt was due the district since the water had gone through the meter and into our system and we treated it. Rosene said he felt it would not be appropriate to charge any late fees or penalties and that a payment plan over some number of months could be done since the meter was out for 16 months.

Walt said their attorney thought this would fly through court but he doesn't want to go there unless absolutely necessary. He said the town saw that it wasn't fair to charge the hotel for the town's problem even though the water went through the meter. Walt said they are one of our biggest customers and felt it wasn't fair since it wasn't their fault the meter didn't get read correctly. He felt that the sewer charge should be based on the minimum like the water was. They thought they had been put on a budget plan by the town since the charges were the same every month. Bentler asked if anyone had talked to them about a budget plan and they said no. Rosene said a budget plan wouldn't go below the normal monthly charges in the past. Walt said he pays their bills every month and on time. He said that whoever was reading the meters should have known from the first month that the meter was broken and the town should have put them on the average billing rather than the minimum. Since this went on for 16 months he felt it wasn't fair to sock them with a large bill all at once.

The board felt we need to look into what went wrong and that there was fault on both sides, the town and the hotel, and the district is stuck in the middle. Rosene will look into this further and get with them about coming to another board meeting to discuss it. Walt said maybe we could meet somewhere in the middle that works for both sides. The board thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Rosene told the board that we had received a dividend from CEBT, our health insurance company, for about \$1200.

Rosene had Dutch Gaura come in and look at the drywall damage in the board room and the entry hall. He gave us a bid of \$650. There was tape and texturing coming down from the board room ceiling and water damage in the entry. He would probably need to replace a small piece of drywall in the ceiling and retape the area. Bock asked if he did painting also since he may have to take down a light fixture and that would be the best time to paint. Rosene said he will check with him on that. Rosene said we haven't had a water leak for the past two winters.

UHRICH MOVED TO HAVE DUTCH DO THE DRYWALL REPAIRS. BRADLEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Bradley asked how the town board resolved the Hotel Eastin issue and Bock said they had pretty much wrote it off, but they were only owed about \$1,100 or \$1,200, not the \$4,300 that we were owed. The town clerk had told Rosene that this was coming up at a town board meeting. Walt and Maryann went to that board meeting and the town board felt it was their fault so they wrote off the water side of the bill except for the monthly minimum. There is quite a list of broken meters so the town and district will probably run into this again. We need to get a list of the meters and customers to see what else may be coming up.

ADJOURNMENT: UHRICH MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 PM. BRADLEY SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED.

Signed:

/s/ Richard A. Rosene

Secretary