

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## KREMMLING SANITATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2021

The Board of Directors for the Kremmling Sanitation District met in the boardroom located at 200 Eagle Avenue. The board meetings are currently limited to three members of the public due to COVID-19 precautions and restrictions.

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bock at 6:01 p.m. Directors present: Jason Bock, Dwayne Uhrich, Dave Sammons, and Eric Bradley. Director(s) absent: Ken Bentler. Staff present: District Manager Rich Rosene and ORC Thom Yoder. Audience present: Noble Underbrink.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** UHRICH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AS PRESENTED. SAMMONS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:** SAMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURES PRESENTED FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,528.67. UHRICH SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None.

**OPERATOR'S REPORT:** Superintendent Bock provided a written report. Rosene went through the report.

We have received the compressor and it looks good. Ammonia is high again this month, as expected. Our limit is 18.7 mg/L and the results were just over 20 mg/L. The ammonia limit will go up in March and the water temperature should also go up.

Michael at Bio-Domes said they don't have the money to pay for the air piping. Bock has been talking to him about our process warranty and their responsibility to get the system working. Sammons asked who didn't have the money – it was new Bio-Domes company, which seems a little surprising. The process warranty should cover this at their expense.

Yoder said he has been talking to Jeremy about the problem and agrees that fixing the air piping is the answer. The air problem in Pond C was the cause of the blower motors getting burned out when Bock tried to get more air to the pond. The cost estimate from Water Technology Group is \$13,535 for pipe and installation.

Superintendent Bock is putting his house on the market and will be leaving as soon as he gets a job in Wyoming. He said that Yoder is not willing to stay on as ORC after he leaves.

Scott Weber is planning on going to CRWA conference in April and taking some classes there. He will then test in early May for Small Systems WW license. That was the end of Bock's report.

Sammons feels we should advertise for a Class B operator. Rosene will begin the process of finding out what a competitive wage would be and the best places to advertise.

Thom Yoder, our Operator in Responsible Charge, said that he knows Bock and is comfortable with him as an operator, which is why he was willing to come on as the ORC. He would only be willing to continue as ORC for up to 90 days after Superintendent Bock leaves.

Yoder also recommended that the board go after Bio-Domes for the air piping costs as the state will not be happy to have continued violations.

He also said that licensed operators are difficult to find, especially at the higher levels. He has a vacancy for an entry level operator and is not getting any good applicants. He has talked to some applicants and they are getting offers of \$25 per hour in Vail to start and be trained and he can't compete with that.

He said that the lab portion is critical as all of the decisions come out of lab results. Everything for operations is science based and the labs are the key.

Weber has only been with us for about 6 months and has a steep learning curve ahead. It will take him several years to get up to a B license.

Yoder said he is offering \$18.50 to \$19.00 for a new hire to be trained on the job. Benefits start right away with very good insurance. He said that Mark Foxworthy also does consulting, but we wouldn't get much more than we currently get as far as on-site work.

Rosene will talk to Yoder and Foxworthy about some options as far as advertising and contract vs. employee operator.

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**BUSINESS ITEMS:** Uhrich said his last meeting will be in April as he is moving to Kansas. Noble Underbrink said he is interested in the vacancy and told the board his qualifications. He has served on the town board and the preschool board and is now retired and wants to get involved in serving the community again. He feels he can use his years of management with Northern Water to provide service to the sanitation district.

SAMMONS MOVED TO APPOINT NOBLE UNDERBRINK TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE APRIL MEETING TO SERVE UNTIL MAY, 2022. BRADLEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** SAMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:35 PM. UHRICH SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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/s/ Richard A. Rosene  
Secretary