

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## KREMMLING SANITATION DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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 President Jason Bock at 6:00 p.m. Directors present: Jason Bock, Ken Bentler, Noble Underbrink, Dave Sammons and Eric Bradley. Director(s) absent: None. Staff present: District Manager Rich Rosene, Superintendent Josh Leyba, and Scott Weber. Audience present: None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Leyba said that the class of CDL needed to operate the district's jet truck should be corrected to a Class B.

SAMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2022 AS CORRECTED. BENTLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:** BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURES PRESENTED FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 11, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,176.75. SAMMONS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None.

**OPERATOR'S REPORT:** Leyba provided his report on the monthly operations. All of the daily and weekly work items have been completed, as well as, snow removal and general housekeeping. The ORC and DMR responsibilities have been transferred to Leyba with the state. The labs have been completed in-house. Weber will be on vacation from February 25 through March 4. Weber was going to attend the Colorado Rural Water conference in March, but it has been postponed to a date to be determined.

The ammonia levels are up again and he feels it is due to the cold temperatures and possibly freezing of some of the Bio-Dome air lines resulting in low aeration. The current ammonia level is 26 mg/L in Pond D. Leyba said that we were much lower in ammonia levels in 2018 prior to the septage station but we have seen increased ammonia since. He feels that the domes just can't keep up with the septage ammonia in the colder months. He said that we may need to load up the ponds with the Biolyneus product and increase the air in the late summer and early fall to help get the ponds ready for the cold temps and septage. He also said we may need to consider not accepting septage during the coldest winter months to keep our ammonia levels down. Leyba said that we need both heat (warm water temperatures) and air to keep the bugs active to remove the ammonia.

Leyba has been able to reduce the amount of soda ash going in due to the lower alkalinity levels. He also provided the month's lab results which are all good, with the exception of the ammonia. He said that there is a leak in one of the air valves on Pond C, but that it is too cold now to attempt a repair.

**BUSINESS ITEMS: Discussion on Superintendent/ORC Vacancy.** Rosene said that Leyba notified him last week that he will be leaving. Leyba said that his wife has accepted a job on the Front Range and he will be leaving at the end of March. He said that he is willing to help out however he can after he leaves. Leyba said he talked to Thom Yoder last week to let him know and that Yoder could expect a call concerning ORC duties again. Rosene said that he feels we should do the same process we did last year by advertising the position with Colorado Rural Water and others.

**2022 Election Update:** Rosene said he had the Self-Nomination forms for those who are interested in running for the three positions. Bock said he will not be able to run again as he will be moving out of town. There are notices posted at the town hall and the post office, as well as, in the Middle Park Times. The election is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be a polling place election, if needed. The following business meeting will be the election of officers. Weber asked if someone who doesn't live in the district, but owns property in the district, can be on the board. Rosene said that is allowed in special districts, unlike municipal elections where you have to be a resident of the town.

**Set date and time for a workshop to discuss pros and cons of merging with the town:** Rosene said that the town board is still talking about starting the process to dissolve the district and merge it into the town. He would like to have a discussion about the pros and cons of this. Rosene asked Sammons what was driving this proposal on the town board since he serves on both boards. Sammons said that there is one town board member who is leading the charge with another who seems to be in agreement, while the others seem neutral at this point.

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Rosene said that obviously there are pros and cons with this idea. Sammons asked if there were any advantages as far as grants and loans with the state are concerned. Rosene said that the town and district are eligible for the same types of grants and both entities have used them.

Rosene said that the major advantage of being a special district is that we have a single focus – wastewater treatment. In the town, it would be a part of public works, likely run as an enterprise like the water department. The town has many different programs and departments that all compete for somewhat limited funds and positions and wastewater treatment could get caught up in that.

Weber asked if the benefits were the same between the two entities. Rosene said we have tried to be similar, but we have changed our retirement match amount and still have vacation and sick leave while the town has PTO. There were some questions about whether the town would have to change back to vacation and sick leave due to the new paid sick leave law, but no one was sure. The hospital district and the mill apparently have gone back to vacation and sick leave.

Rosene said that the district is in pretty good shape at this point in time as far as our operations go, though losing our superintendent/ORC changes that a bit. The town is currently in a lot more flux as they don't have a water operator or a public works director and the town manager and treasurer are leaving.

Underbrink said that he was in favor of combining before he joined the district board, but has changed his mind after being on the board and talking to members of the public about combining. The people he has talked to don't want the district as part of the town as they feel there are some problems in the town. He is not in favor of having a meeting to discuss this.

Rosene said that there is a way for a municipality to force a vote to dissolve a special district. If there is a more than a certain percentage of property of a district within a town boundary, the town council can request that the district start some proceedings to go to an election. He will check on the percentage needed and whether we are over or under that amount.

Other town water departments and sanitation districts seem to coexist well in Granby, Grand Lake and Frisco. There are also several water and sanitation districts that operate inside and around Winter Park. Rosene said he will talk to the Fraser operator as they went through a merger several years ago and see how that is working out. Leyba said we have a good system in place to share employees and he doesn't see a need to combine.

Rosene said that we had talked briefly about this last fall and he thought it had gone away, but the town manager told him it has come up again. Rosene will talk to the town board member who seems to be leading the charge and find out his reasons.

**ADJOURNMENT: SAMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:31 PM. BRADLEY SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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/s/ Richard A. Rosene  
Secretary