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KREMMLING SANITATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 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 Noble Underbrink at 6:09 p.m. Directors present: Dave Sammons, Ken Bentler, Eric Bradley, Noble Underbrink and Stuart Heller. Directors absent: None. Staff present: District Manager Rich Rosene (by Zoom), ORC Thom Yoder, and Operator Scott Weber. Audience present: Kyle O'Herron (A&A Septic), Jesse Taubert (Red Mtn. RV Park).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BENTLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2022 AS PRESENTED. SAMMONS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: SAMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURES PRESENTED FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 10, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 13, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,626.36. BENTLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Weber said that Wade Stinson (formerly with Wastewater Compliance Systems, the original Bio-Dome company) came out and looked at the domes on May 27 with Weber, Yoder and Underbrink. He said it was a good day and that Stinson was able to explain a lot about the domes to the group. Some repairs are needed on the dome system. Weber spoke with Nick Marcotte of Element Engineering and Marcotte wants to be kept in the loop on dome discussions. Marcotte also wants to get together with Weber, Yoder and Stinson to discuss the lab results at the end of June. Marcotte also would like us to get samples from the septage trucks to see what we are receiving. Rosene also talked to Marcotte about the domes and future project plans for putting together a DOLA grant. Marcotte wants to be more involved with operations discussions and how we can move forward in figuring out the changes in our treatment process we need to make.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Weber said that the pump at the railroad lift station was replaced and that a rebuild of the old pump would cost more than a new pump, so he ordered a new one to have in stock. There was a power outage at the plant on May 17 caused by ospreys on the lines and poles between the Merc and the plant. Weber got to the plant at 6:40 am and had no power. He wasn't sure when the power went out. The power was restored about 3:30 pm by Mountain Parks Electric (MPE). MPE put guards on the poles to block ospreys from using them as perches and nesting sites. So far the ospreys have not returned. The outage caused numerous problems at the plant with some electronics and computers that needed to be rebooted and reset. Doug Prewitt of Grand Power came out to help get a few things back online.

Weber said they had 33 calls for locates in May and has 23 to date in June. The air compressor had some problems on the day Stinson was here to look at the domes. Weber found some electrical issues and he has replaced the starter and rewired it. The manufacturer is sending some schematics to try to help find the issues. He rented an air compressor in Fraser and it ran for about 5 minutes and then it quit. They were able to get pond B blown out and will do pond C when he gets the compressor working.

Weber said that Mike Oros, our seasonal employee, has been doing a great job. He has been keeping the plant cleaned up, helping with labs, doing locates, daily tasks and weekend duty. Weber said they have been keeping up with the process controls and he talks to Yoder weekly to go over the results.

Yoder said he got a copy of the letter from CDPHE about our violations in January, February and March. The letter says that they can come at us with a daily fine, if we don't show progress. Yoder will respond with a letter to tell them what we feel is the cause and what we are doing to fix the problems and our discussions with our engineer. Last year at this time our ammonia was at 1 or 2 mg/L and this year we are still around 9 mg/L.

Weber said the reclaim water is up and operational and the town guys are trying to keep up with their mowing. Yoder said that some meter readings are needed to meet our permit requirements to document the amount of reclaimed water used. He said we have a reclaim permit that we do an annual report to CDPHE. Rosene said that during the discussions with the town when we originally planned to start a reclaim system, their water attorney said that the town has to report the water usage also as it is their water right that is being reused. Rosene said he wasn't sure what reports the town has done in the past few years and that he will get with Dillon Willson of the town to talk it over.

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Weber said he repaired the leaking air line in pond C by putting a cap on the hose. Stinson recommended putting a ball valve on the line so it can be regulated if needed and Weber said they will do that at the next opportunity. QA Balance came out and did the calibrations on the lab equipment and turbidity meter. He likes working with them more than Hach as they are more responsive. Weber has ordered an air monitor and it should be here any day. It has a 'man down' feature that sends a message about no movement. Browns Hill came out and checked out the Mag Meter and weren't able to find the problem. Weber and Oros took the pipe apart later and cleaned the probes to see if they could find anything. Browns Hill came back out and tested it with a clamp-on meter and found the results pretty close to what the Mag Meter was reading. Weber said this concerned him as it showed 154 gpm going somewhere; he is going to do some valve closing tests to see if he can isolate the issue. Yoder said that the reclaim permit allows us to use up to 300,000 gallons per day; this is the same amount as our discharge permit as we are discharging through reclaim usage.

Weber said that the septage receiving station control box is getting very warm and he is going to see if he can put a fan on it. The DO (dissolved oxygen) and pH probes were affected by the power outage and he is still not sure that the DO probe in pond B is reading correctly. The influent meter puts its data onto a file on a computer in the plant office and Browns Hill tried to move the file to a different computer so Weber could send data to Yoder and Marcotte, but they had no success. He can't get the computers to share the file either, but he has been able to get the ability to print from all 3 computers.

Weber spoke to Jeremy Bock when he was in town recently. Bock said that some of the ductile iron pipe in the air system is original and was used for the first air diffusers used in the ponds. Water Technology Group is scheduled to come out on June 21 to repair the last two leaks in the air piping. Stinson recommended putting blowout ports on the ends of the piping to ponds B and C to allow periodic blowing out of any particles in the pipes.

Weber said the septage receiving station had received 112,466 gallons in May. He got a copy of the letters to the septage haulers and said they both have been below their temporary limitations. Weber said that Oros only needed to use the district truck for two nights as his truck part came in sooner than expected and Oros made sure the truck was full of gas each day.

Yoder said he talked to Good 2 Go to get safety data sheets for the products they use in their porta johns to see if those chemicals may be part of our problem. He hasn't found anything yet that concerns him. He said that Marcotte told Weber that we should consider restricting winter septage receiving. Yoder said he felt that we can keep receiving septage now, but we need to monitor its quantity and quality. He looked into other septage receiving stations about where their septage comes from and how they qualify the haulers. Underbrink said that Stinson had said that 1 or 2 bad loads of septage with formaldehyde could upset the domes by killing off the good bugs. Yoder said that the products he has seen do not contain formaldehyde. This is our third season with the septage hauling and the first winter we had any significant problems with ammonia. We have had ammonia violations in the past, but usually only one month per winter. Yoder said he is going to include all of the work we are doing to figure out why the ammonia is still high in the response letter to our violation notice. Yoder said he thinks we can allow the companies to resume with their normal hauling. Kyle O'Herron of A&A Septic said they don't do a lot of porta johns and that they will try to spread those out over time. Yoder said that the other septage receiving places usually restrict the haulers to collections within their county.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Annual Eligibility Survey. The annual survey to CDPHE is due on June 30th and Rosene will have Marcotte take a look at the cost estimates. The survey lists our proposed projects for the next 3 or so years. This survey must be filed annually to be on their list for grants and loans.

FAMLI Act and paid family medical leave. Rosene said the act goes into effect on January 1, 2023. Special districts have some latitude in letting the state know if they want to participate. There is a webinar on the act by SDA on this coming Friday to explain the act and its requirements.

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Exhibit A – 2022 for shared employees with the Town of Kremmling. Rosene gave a copy of the draft exhibit to the town manager and hasn't been able to get with her to discuss the rates yet. This will be on the July agenda.

Authorizing new signers on bank accounts. Rosene said we need to add Underbrink and Heller authorized as signers on the United Business Bank and ColoTrust accounts and to remove Jason Bock. Rosene said that since Jason Bock is no longer on the board, Dave Sammons is the only board member usually around town.

BRADLEY MOVED TO HAVE NOBLE UNDERBRINK AND STUART HELLER AS SIGNERS ON ALL ACCOUNTS AT UNITED BUSINESS BANK AND COLOTRUST AND TO REMOVE JASON BOCK AS A SIGNER ON ALL ACCOUNTS AT UNITED BUSINESS BANK AND COLOTRUST. BENTLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Red Mountain RV Park additional taps. Rosene asked Weber to bring the board up to date about his discussions with Jesse Taubert, the park's owner. Weber said he had discussions with Taubert of Red Mountain RV Park who wants to add 2 new RV sites in the park and wanted to see if he could spread the payment out over several months. Taubert said he had received information from Jeff Miller, the previous owner, that 3 sites were one SFE and since he only planned on 2 new sites, he wants to pay for 2/3 of an SFE tap fee. Rosene said that our current tap fee schedule has 4 RV sites per SFE and that our minimum fee for a tap application is 1 SFE for \$5,000. There was discussion on the current rate of 4 spaces per SFE when only 2 sites are planned now and whether to have a change in our rules that would allow for a payment of less than one SFE tap fee or to state on the application that 2 sites can be installed now and 2 sites will be available in the future on this tap record.

BENTLER MOVED TO APPROVE A SEWER TAP FOR RED MOUNTAIN RV PARK WITH TWO SITES TO BE INSTALLED NOW AND 2 SITES FOR FUTURE USE. SAMMONS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Septage receiving station. Underbrink said that he felt that monitoring and testing should be done to keep tabs on the septage and to continue to research how to better treat for ammonia. Yoder said we should look at our current fees and charge based on our costs and the cost to haulers to take it to the east slope. Underbrink said that Stinson and Marcotte need to be involved in looking at our rates and the types of load brought in. Yoder said we may also want to look at a surcharge for "hot" loads; that is a load over a certain level of BOD or ammonia as recommended by our engineer.

Line jetting and camera inspection proposal. Weber said that he had a cost proposal for jetting and camera work for some mains this summer from Cord Simon of Simon Pipeline Services. Rosene had polled the board to determine their opinion on the proposal. Three board members supported proceeding with the project. Weber said we are on Simon's schedule for July.

SAMMONS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM SIMON PIPELINE SERVICES FOR 8,000 FEET OF JETTING AND CAMERA WORK FOR \$14,500. HELLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Other Discussion Items. Weber said he talked to Oros about his interest in the full time position and Oros is not interested. He is planning on some vacation in November and December. Oros is interested in being available during the winter for weekends or snow plowing and he is interested in coming back next summer in the seasonal position. Rosene said he will get a job announcement for the full time position to the Grand Gazette and post it locally.

Bradley said that next month or August will be his last meeting as he will be moving to Michigan. Bentler said next month will be his last meeting as he is moving to Minnesota.

Bradley asked about the audit extension form he has. Rosene said he can request an extension from the state auditor, but the request must be followed up by a form signed by a board member. Rosene asked that a motion be made to approve the extension request.

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BENTLER MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION FROM THE STATE AUDITOR FOR FILING OF THE 2021 AUDIT. SAMMONS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: HELLER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:44 PM. BRADLEY SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED.

Signed:

 /s/ Richard A. Rosene
Secretary