Request for Interest and Qualifications

The Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency (KRMA) currently seeks to fill the position of Executive Director, which will become available May 1, 2018.

The KRMA Board of Directors is at this time soliciting interest from consulting engineering firms and individuals. The KRMA Board of Directors anticipates this position to be part-time with an estimated time commitment to be 10-15 hours per week on average. Firms/individuals interested should have extensive experience in management and engineering.

History

Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement dated July 20, 1988, and amended April 30, 1995, the City of Kankakee and the Villages of Bradley, Bourbonnais and Aroma Park agreed to be jointly involved in the establishment of an independent agency with authority to operate the facility, raise revenues, and exercise other powers as necessary. The independent agency created was the Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency. The agreement requires a seven-member board, including four persons appointed by the Mayor of the City of Kankakee and one person appointed by the Mayor of each other Village.

The Regional Treatment Plant

Separate influent lines from Kankakee and the other communities feed the wet well at the head of the plant. Screw pumps lift the influent to the preliminary treatment structure where three mechanically-cleaned bar screens remove solids and two VORTEX cyclone-type units collect and dewater solids for removal to landfill. Six primary clarifiers settle and skim primary solids that blend with secondary solids thickened by dissolved air flotation thickening followed by anaerobic digestion.

Primary effluent flows to a trio of three-pass aeration basins. Air from high-speed turbo blowers is distributed through fine-bubble diffusers. One bay is devoted to anoxic mixing to remove nitrates. The basins are set up to remove phosphorus biologically, should a future need arise. Treated water that settles in four secondary clarifiers is disinfected and discharged to the Kankakee River. Wet weather flows are contained and controlled in the equalization basin and separate chlorination/dechlorination facility. Primary treatment of settling and disinfection is provided for all wet-weather flows. KRMA awaits an Illinois EPA overflow treatment permit.
Executive Director Duties

The Executive Director is charged with the supervision and management of the Agency’s affairs. The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Agency and shall administer all functions of the Agency as directed by the Board. The duties of the Executive Director shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Administrative responsibility for the organization, construction, operation and maintenance of the Agency;
- Supervision of all employees and consultants of the Agency;
- Hiring personnel to fill positions of vacancies on the Agency’s administrative staff and to discharge or retire such employees in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures established by the Agency;
- Attendance at all Agency meetings unless excluded therefrom;
- Attendance at any Agency committee meeting at which his or her attendance has been requested;
- Attendance at relevant Village Board and City Council meetings of the Agency’s member communities when so requested;
- Recommendation of policies, plans and procedures for the organization, construction, operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities and equipment of the Agency;
- Purchase of materials and services according to administrative rules and procedures established by the agency;
- Preparation and presentation of the annual budget to the Agency;
- Preparation and presentation to the Board for consideration and approval such administrative rules and orders as may be deemed necessary and appropriate; and
- Representation of the Agency before conferences, professional associations or relevant public groups when requested to do so by the Agency.
Providing Wastewater Treatment to the Kankakee River Valley

Upon completion of the evaluation process, interested firms/individuals should submit a letter of interest and qualification by 12/04/17 to:

Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency
1600 Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901
Attn: Mayor Bruce Adams, Chairman

Electronic submissions will also be accepted at: resumes@krmawastewater.com.