

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LEWISTON-AUBURN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority was held on Friday February 11, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Mark Adams Norm Lamie Dan Goyette Jeff Beaulé Sid Hazelton
Directors Absent:	Mary Ann Brenchick Steve Ness
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
Secretary:	Paula Drouin
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfesty

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2022, regular meeting. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Travis noted that annual financial audit is scheduled for next week. He also noted that he expects a 2021 surplus and recommended placing any such funds in to the reserve for replacement account to help offset future biosolid management cost.

Public Comment

Gene Barker from Casella Organics gave a brief presentation on the current state of biosolids management.

General Manager's Report: Travis updated the board on staff-related matters. Paula Drouin was awarded the Pelouin award at the NEWEA conference. Pretreatment/Safety Coordinator Edwin Woods is retiring at the end of the month. The mechanic who was injured is now back to work, but we had a visit from the DOL enforcement and are working with them. LAWPCA management is also in the process of implementing a return-to-work program that should help expedite the return of future injured employees.

Legislative update – LD 676, Androscoggin River reclassification bill. Travis Peaslee reported that the BEP is recommending the upgrade and it will likely happen with a model modification by DEP. The intent is that LAWPCA should not be affected.

CSO Tank Project: Travis Peaslee provided an update on the CSO Project. Norm Lamie made a “motion to approve Woodard & Curran using their environmental team, and hiring a geotechnical engineering firm, to complete the CSO tank subsurface evaluation program scope of work. The cost for these services will be paid for using reserve for replacement funds”. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Travis presented a draft CSO tank funding memorandum of understanding. This will be discussed further at the March meeting, after the two cities have had a chance to review.

Biosolids & PFAS: Travis Peaslee gave a summary of the legislative bills related to biosolids and PFAS. He noted that the legislative intent is to contain pfas in landfills by banning land application and composting of sludge derive solids. Travis is continuing to address related impact concerns to the legislature and DEP.

Travis Peaslee reported on the dryer project now that we have received 30% design. It is a 2-year process once Brown & Caldwell gets the approval to proceed. This means regardless of what route is taken; another landfill agreements needs to be secured (current one goes until end of 2023). Travis is working with Brown & Caldwell to address a few design concerns and will then send the design and cost estimates to the board and provide a recommendation on next steps at the March meeting.

There was discussion on the timing and benefits of re-branding. Norm Lamie made a “motion to authorize Travis Peaslee to pursue professional assistance to help tell the story of LAWPCA with respect to environmental achievements”. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed. It was noted that the scope of work and cost will need to be fluid and may expand to involve efforts such as a name change and development of a mission statement and company goals.

Closed landfill ownership: Travis reported that Titcomb has surveyed the property and that CMA should have something on the proposed subdivision for us to review within the next month.

Bar Screens: Travis Peaslee reported that the Bar screen equipment submittals are approved, and the project is on schedule. Equipment delivery is expected to be 16-20 weeks. Bidding for install should occur in April.

Annual Performance Report: Travis Peaslee reviewed the 2021 Annual performance report.

Epidemiology Study: Travis Peaslee reported that LAWPCA's participation in a wastewater COVID study began last week. It runs for 18 weeks, and the information is confidential, though staff will have access to LAWPCA-specific data. Travis noted that the Sun Journal ran an article on the testing and is planning to come back for additional photos, so an additional article may be run in the future.

Adjourn: Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager