

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 June 17, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Steve Ness Dan Goyette Mark Adams Jeff Beaulé Mike Broadbent (representing ASD)
Directors Absent:	Mary Ann Brenchick Norm Lamie Sid Hazelton
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfestey

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

Minutes

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2022 regular meeting. Jeff Beaulé seconded, all others approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee gave a brief overview of the financials. Steve Ness made a motion to accept the financial reports. Jeff Beaulé seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

After a brief overview of the Cost Apportionment, Steve Ness made a motion to set third quarter Cost appointment 64% Lewiston, 36% Auburn. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

An email was sent to Board members on the final draft financial audit a few weeks back. Dan Goyette made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit. Steve Ness seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

After Lewiston is refunded \$4,944.17 to square away 2021 Cost apportionment, a surplus of \$344,386.07 and will be moved to the reserve for replacement account.

Public Comment- None

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts- None

General Manager's Report-

Travis gave a brief update on the monthly operating reports, all going smoothly and Mark brought up the question about long term use of the Compost Facility and whether or not there was a better alternative. Travis noted that at this point it depends on what avenue we take with management of our solids and that with the DEP regulation uncertainty, decision making is difficult.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS-

On the land application front, we finally have results from the barker farm DEP testing which included 5 to 6 wells abutting the property and all were below the drinking water standards. This is comforting to know with 55,000 yards applied on this farm over the 30+ years of application that we have not impacted any offsite abutters.

Brown and Caldwell are helping with PFAS issue/solutions and Travis is staying in contact with them. They are working on a WEF PFAS emissions study and are hoping that by the end of this summer to have some emissions data that might be able to be used to develop regulatory guidelines.

Casella rate increase takes effect August 8th so Travis is trying to see what options LAWPCA has before accepting. Hartland has reached out and offered to accept our material for \$100/ton, but we need to provide transportation. Our estimated cost to transport is between \$10-\$13/ton depending on fuel rates. This is better than the \$135/ton plus current fuel surcharge cost being offered by Casella. Englobe, and possibly Waste Management may have some options for us to decide on shortly as well. We are planning to do some trials at the Compost Facility with running material down the bins to see if we could dry and reduce the volume/weight of material we are having hauled to landfill. We should have a sense of feasibility and effectiveness by the end of July.

DEP is planning to start sampling our effluent for PFAS in August or September. They intend to finalize a plan and submit it to all discharges in July. It is anticipated that we will be required to sample monthly for 10-12 months, and that the DEP will fund all analytical cost.

CSO Project:

Woodard & Curran continues to be busy and received approval from LAWPCA to proceed with conceptual design of shallow tank assuming Treatment plant capacity improvements are implemented. At this point, Other than actually moving forward with the bond, the last remaining piece is to solidify all that we have discussed regarding tank financing via an MOU. Travis is just waiting on feedback before finalizing and getting board approval of it and is hopeful to have it ready to vote on in August.

Closed Landfill Ownership: Travis and Jeff met with CMA and decided it would make the most sense to combine the new subdivided parcel with the existing LAWPCA parcel to keep things clean and to ensure adequate road frontage. The survey and property descriptions were provided to the City of Lewiston and Jeff plans to obtain approvals from the Finance Committee, Planning Board, and City Council, all in July. Once approvals are obtained, Travis will work with legal to complete this project.

Bar Screen Project: There were four contractors that attended the Bar Screen project pre-bid meeting and all four submitted bids. Penta-\$639,000 TBuck-\$592,517 Apex-\$477,550 and Damon \$384,800. Wright Pierce performed reference checks on previous Damon Mechanical Services work and also verified sufficient credit and reserve funds to complete a project of this size. They are not aware of any reason why we shouldn't award this project to them as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Travis has worked with Wright Pierce to submit the necessary documentation to DEP to obtain their authorization to award this project.

Dan Goyette made a motion to approve the bar screen project construction award to Damon Mechanical Services, for a cost of \$384,800, to be funded from an SRF loan. Steve Ness seconded. All others approved and the motion passed.

LAWPCA Branding: Staff have updated the website a little and are exploring options for some level of professional assistance with it. Travis has started compiling information on achievements and should have something ready to review by next month. LAWPCA first started running the plant in March of 1974, which means we still have some time to get the 50th recognition plans figured out.

Incoming power project:

CMP is in the final stage of design and we should soon know a date for pole setting and transformer delivery. Both EII and Dube Gravel are ready to go once CMP is.

New Business: No new business to report

Other Business: Biofilter testing was done this spring, results should be back by end of June. If By-laws will allow, we will skip the July board meeting.

Adjourn:

Dan Goyette made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ness seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager