

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 May 13, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

Directors Present: Norm Lamie
 Dan Goyette
 Mark Adams
 Sid Hazelton
 Jeff Beaulé

Directors Absent: Mary Ann Brenchick
 Steve Ness

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 April 15, 2022 regular meeting. Norm Lamie seconded, all others approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Mark had a moment of silence for the passing of Chris Branch who was a member of the Board for some time.

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee gave a brief overview of the financials. Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. Sid Hazelton seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Christina Howe from RHR Smith was present to discuss the draft 2021 Audit. Cost Apportionment ended the year with Auburn underpaid \$4,944.17, to remove the deficit, we would re-pay Lewiston \$13,830. This would leave a surplus of \$344,386.07.

Norm Lamie made a motion to reimburse Lewiston to clear up Cost apportionment, then move surplus of \$344,386.07 to the Reserve for Replacement account. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Travis noted that the vote to approve the final audit will be on next month's agenda.

Public Comment- None

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts- The City of Lewiston recently had a meeting with Sabattus Sanitary District regarding connection. The project appears to have DEP support and to be technically feasible, however there are issues such as where to connect, what rates to be charged, and how best to handle peak flows that need to be addressed through future evaluation and discussion.

General Manager's Report-

Travis gave a brief update on the monthly operating reports, stating that there was a monthly violation for an Aluminum pounds exceedance. Staff did some internal evaluations and have determined that Aluminum concentrations have been slowly creeping up in our effluent and biosolids over the past 5+ years. Staff have re-tested and obtained lower results which brought LAWPCA back into compliance, however LAWPCA has plans to investigate discharges from one licensed industrial user that discharges high concentration of Aluminum, and will also do some looking around both cities for potential unlicensed discharges that could be contributing to the issue. LAWPCA has filled up our new sodium hypochlorite tanks and plan to have that system online and operating before our permit required date of May 15.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS- LD 1911 was signed by governor and will go into effect in approximately 90 days, (August). The final bill repealed the \$10 per ton sludge handling fee imposed last year by LD 1600 and; does not allow land application of biosolids or compost derived from sewerage sludge regardless of PFAS levels. LD 1639 also passed, phasing out the import of out-of-state CDD/bulky waste. This bill has a direct impact on the volume and timing of biosolids the landfill can receive, and will inevitably result in increased cost. LD 1875 which required Juniper ridge to pretreat their landfill leachate for PFAS removal was also approved and is likely to carry cost that will no doubt be passed along to the landfill users. Casella recently notified us of an increase of \$39.75/ton as a result of the impacts from LD 1911.

Travis has been in active discussions with Brown & Caldwell, Dryer vendors, new technology vendors such as Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO) and Hydro Thermal Carbonization (HTC), Genesis (Brunswick ME Digester), Landfill operators, englobe (Canada outlets), and the DEP.

CSO Project:

Woodward & Curran continues to be busy and has completed the field survey of the treatment plant front yard, conducted subsurface evaluation, began evaluating conceptual design parameters for deep and shallow tanks, worked with Sargent to develop conceptual costs estimates for separation projects, treatment plant optimization, and deep and shallow tanks. A progress meeting update with LAWPCA subcommittee is scheduled for May 17th.

At the January meeting, the board agreed to move forward with the funding model which required Lewiston and Auburn to both front load a portion of the tank cost, with LAWPCA bonding the remaining. Lewiston has their funds secured, and ASD voted last month on a \$4M general resolution bond to cover their portion. Other than actually moving forward with the bond, the last remaining piece is to solidify all that we have discussed via an MOU. Mary Ann has indicated that Lewiston is currently reviewing it and that it will need to go to council, but that they should be ready to approve it at the June Board meeting. Unfortunately, our project does not qualify for SRF principal forgiveness, therefore will not be receiving any grant principal forgiveness this round. There will be another allocation of money available next year with the same 49% grant requirement that we can re-apply for.

Closed Landfill Ownership: Travis met with CMA and Dep and they walked the property and determined appropriate property boundaries, easements, and right of ways. The next steps would be to have CMA drive stakes and Titcomb to come back and produce a Metes and Bounds description of the new line as well as a final drawing. We need to submit some ownership transfer with DEP so that they have clear records of property ownership and operators. This work is beyond the original scope, but should wrap up everything we need from CMA on this project. Once this piece is wrapped up, we need to get City approvals along with legal support for drafting descriptions, easements, right of ways and any other necessary subdivision documents.

Norm Lamie made a motion to award the closed sludge landfill subdivision lot line identification and permit compliance scope of work to CMA Engineers, for a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 to be paid for from the reserve for replacement fund. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved with one abstained and the motion passed.

Bar Screen Project: Pre-bid was held on May 3rd had Tbuck, Penta, Apex and Damon Mechanical all were present. Bids will be opened on the 17th and we are working towards having an award recommendation ready for the June 10th Board meeting. The control panels will be completed in early July, at which time the screens will be shipped and stored at the Cote Crane yard. Once the NTP is awarded, the contractor will have 120 days to substantially complete this project.

LAWPCA Branding: Travis provided a memo to the Board highlighting the items talked about at the previous meeting. (Achievement recognition, our message, Mission statement/goals/vision/name change, 50th anniversary, public outreach) Paula indicated that she will start drafting an action plan on these items. Travis noted that Mary Ann Brenchick mentioned she was willing to help with moving these items forward. Mark Adams noted that he is going to be discussing potential assistance opportunities with Pivotal as well.

Incoming power project: Travis presented an update on the project and noted that EII submitted the lowest bid for the electrical installation scope of work, and that Dube Gravel has provided a quote to purchase and install the transformer pad, to handle all the digging, and to encase all the electrical in concrete. CMP is working through the easement process and will update us with dates for pole install and transformer availability.

Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the Incoming power project, not to exceed \$160,000.00, and to be funded from Reserve for Replacement. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

New Business: No new business to report

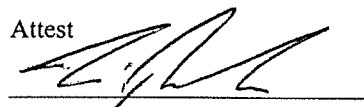
Other Business:

We received notice of a Planning Board site visit to the lot on the corner of Penley Corner Rd., and Sopers Mill rd. which is an agricultural field owned by Steve Chowela. Morin Brick is looking to develop a clay extraction pit there.

Adjourn:

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

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager