

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 Nov10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Norm Lamie
 Mary Ann Brenchick
 Steve Ness
 Jeff Beaulé
 Dan Goyette
 Mark Adams
 Sid Hazelton

Directors Absent: N/A

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Candace Taylor

Treasurer: Absent

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2021 regular meeting. Mary Anne Brenchick seconded, all others approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Steve Ness made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Sid Hazelton made a motion to change cost apportionment for November and December to 62% Lewiston and 38% Auburn. Dan Goyette seconded, all others approved and the motion passed.

Procurement items- After a brief background of the two influent bar screens, Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the purchase of two influent bar screens and associate controls, from Headworks Incorporated for an amount of \$269,044 to be funded from and SRF loan through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. Steve Ness seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Hypo Tanks-

Dan Goyette made motion to approve the purchase of two sodium hypochlorite tanks, to Maltz Sales Company for an amount of \$18,891. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the financial reports. Steve Ness seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

General Manager Report- Our Compliance Coordinator is leaving after 12 years, his last day will be November 30th and we have filled his position with our current Laboratory and Process Control Supervisor. We have posted the position and hope to find a replacement by the middle to end of December.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS: Brown & Caldwell continue to work on design and we had an onsite meeting last month to discuss layout, economics, and next steps. We don't have a whole lot to report to the board at this time and believe we are still on track to get the 30% design by the end of this year or early next. In related news, RMI and Shincci have severed ties despite RMI still being strong proponents of the technology and owning two small units. RMI feels that drying is still the appropriate path forward for all wastewater treatment facilities and strongly encouraged us to continue on this path.

As noted last month, we are not on-track to have a project completed by the time our landfill agreement expires with Casella. Travis has had multiple meetings with their staff to discuss an extension and was told that we should see a draft 1-year extension soon that would get us to the end of 2023. This will provide the necessary breathing room so that we can digest the 30% design report and decide the appropriate path forward.

On the PFAS front, the DEP has informed everyone that they finalized their prioritized site sampling plan and released City/Town names in the first tier, but not specific sites. Travis has inquired but was told that it would come from the Commissioner's office once they were ready to release publicly. Travis's understanding is that they have until 2023 to complete the first tier of sampling and that they plan to offer/install whole house carbon systems to any abutters to these sites that have >20 ppt of the combined 6 PFAS compounds of concern. He has fielded a few concerned phone calls regarding the testing and assume he will get a few more once the site-specific list is released. Travis also continues to work with the Department and have a meeting scheduled for early December to continue discussing groundwater modeling, license surrendering, the \$10/ton proposed fee, and all other aspects of PFAS impacts.

CSO: Woodard and Curran are continuing efforts to finalize a model they are comfortable moving forward with. We had a meeting with them last month and feel like they are making decent headway. They are simultaneously doing collection system and plant optimization evaluations which Travis assumes we will see a report and recommendations on before the end of the year. One area that has a significant impact on the model and that has tremendous uncertainty surrounding it, is the flow from Auburn. Because of the vulnerability for Auburn flow to be artificially inflated during wet weather, it was noted that there would be great value in putting an area velocity flow meter upstream of the Auburn influent flume and capturing a few storm events to provide more confidence in the Auburn model input. Flow Assessment performed a site visit and found a suitable location between the influent flume and the Auburn siphon structure. They have proposed installing the meter for 6-months, but noted it could be pulled earlier if we capture sufficient data. Because this work is really an enhancement to the conceptual design work, Travis thinks it makes sense for LAWPCA to pay for it out of the reserve for replacement line item for the CSO tank engineering design.

Norm Lamie made a motion "Authorize Flow Assessment to install, maintain, and report data from a flow meter installed on the Auburn influent line for a period up to six months, and for a cost not to exceed \$8,700 charged to the reserve for replacement account". . Dan Goyette seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed alternative financing options for the tank to facilitate the Lewiston ARPA funds. Auburn needs to discuss with their trustees whether or not they would be willing to agree to a total tank cost % upfront, as opposed to evaluating annually.

The Board directed Travis to ask CDM for three previous 3-year periods using the approved cost allocation method so they could see the trends between Lewiston and Auburn.

Closed Landfill Ownership:

Travis has signed the agreement with CMA to perform the boundary survey and other necessary research efforts in order to develop a recommended subdivision of the larger solid waste landfill parcel. He anticipates this work taking 2-3 months.

Auburn Properties: Roger claims he is still ready to do the closing on December 15th. Travis still has to circle back and coordinate the subdivision work with the surveyors prior to then.

Travis informed the Board that there is a .25 acre parcel of land on the Lisbon parcel lease excluded for the purpose of providing it to the adjacent old Little Brown Church parcel, due to it being where the septic system is located. The Board's intention was to deed that ¼ acre parcel to Rudy Wing in 2019, but there doesn't appear to be a record of this happening. Travis has asked the Lawyers to confirm no record exist, and has also spoken with Roger and Ginny about the possibility of excluding the parcel from the purchase and sale agreement if indeed no record is discovered.

New Business


2022 Budget: Travis presented his draft 2022 budget.. Norm Lamie requested to adjust line 617 PFAS Contingency up to a total amount of \$100,289.00. The Board agreed with the budget as presented and approved sending out public notice for the budget adoption at the December 10th meeting.

CIP: Travis provided and discuss a draft updated Capital Improvement Plan. He noted that all the projects listed in the 2022 CIP were already incorporated in to the draft budget. He will place the CIP on the December agenda for approval.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn, Mary Ann Brenchick seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B Peaslee, General Manager