

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 October 14, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

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

Directors Absent: n/a

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Candace Taylor

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

Minutes

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular meeting. Steve Ness 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. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

We are doing split sampling before and after the Auburn flume and are getting historically representative numbers in the post flume sampling. We plan to get more data and will then consider relocating the sampling point.

Public Comment- None

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts- Mary Ann Brenchick mentioned that the city was cutting ties on discussions with the Town of Sabattus for potential acceptance of their waste water.

General Manager's Report-

Travis gave a brief update on the monthly operating reports, reporting that everything was going smoothly. He reported that 704 yds of biosolids were produced this month, and all of it was sent to the

composting facility to then be transferred by Casella to Landfill. Biosolids volumes are up a bit and that is mostly attributed to the additional septage we have been receiving. Travis has spoken to most area facilities and found that the additional volumes are due to a combination of the economy, Livermore Falls and Westbrook treatment plant construction projects, and a rate increase in Lisbon.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS- Travis continues to work on options and has been primarily discussing options with the Hartland landfill and Englobe composting. Both are aware that we are under contract with Casella through 2023.

Travis continues to work with MEWEA and the DEP on PFAS/Biosolids issues and plan to have another meeting with the commissioner in the middle of November.

Roger informed Travis that the DEP completed testing of the Libson Farm, as well as some fields between the Compost Facility and the Jacques parcel. The water came back good, but that they found some PFAS in the soil. Travis asked him for a copy of the results but hasn't seen them yet.

LAWPCA began monthly sampling of our effluent for PFAS on October 5th.

Travis made a recommendation to surrender 13 of our 22 land application licenses due to the cost and low likelihood we would ever land apply on those sites in the future for a wide variety of reasons. Norm Lamie made a motion to allow the General Manager to proceed with an application to surrender 13 farm licenses. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Closed Landfill Ownership: The deed and plan are now registered. CMA will now begin the process to get the two landfill operators licenses to reflect the change.

CSO Project: Travis gave an overview of discussions he had regarding the potential CSO tank design delivery methods. Travis made a recommendation to the Board to pursue a progressive design build delivery method and to hire Sebago Technics to serve as the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) on the project.

Norm Lamie made a motion to pursue discussions and negotiations with Sebago Technics to serve as an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the CSO tank project. Dan seconded, all approved with Mark Adams abstaining.

Bar Screen Project: With removal of the first screen, it exposed some additional concrete work that needed to be done. Wright Pierce provided guidance that resulted in a change order of \$9,584 for both screen concrete repairs, but also added 20 days to the project. Headworks is scheduled to be on site to begin start up on the 24th. We are going to run the new screen 4-5 days and then release Damon to begin removal of the remaining screen. The project is going fairly well, and Travis is very pleased with the progress and Contractor.

We had asked Damon for a proposal to replace 19 windows in the bar screen and adjacent screening room. These windows are original to the facility, are inefficient, and for the most part in disrepair. We were planning to address these windows through our CIP, however felt the timing was right to have them addressed while we had a contractor onsite. Unfortunately, it was discovered that there is

asbestos in the caulking, now requiring abatement. This of course drove the price sky high as it needs to be abated and disposed of in a proper licensed landfill. Wright Pierce looked over the proposal and thought it was reasonable for the abatement and installation of 19 new windows.

If approved, the total project cost with the remaining contingency would be around \$940,000. We have a \$1,000,000 interim loan that Travis will make permanent once the project wraps up and we know what final cost are.

Norm Lamie made a motion to approve a change order to Damon Mechanical for the removal of existing and installation of 19 new windows in the bar screen room and screenings garage, for a total cost of \$110,079, to be paid for from the SRF loan. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Incoming power project: This project is now complete. We had a full day shutdown on October 4th and ran on generator while CMP and EII worked the primary and secondary lines. We did rent a stand-by generator, but thankfully never had to utilize it. CMP removed the old transformers and underground cables and staff is now planning to repurpose that space. The project required a lot of coordination, but Travis feels it resulted in a great product that should be safer and more reliable moving forward.

Charter Change: Travis sent charter draft changes along with name change information to the Board electronically last month. The Board approved Travis to move forward with the draft charter changes, but wanted to wait on name change and solicit external assistance.

New Business:

Property Access: Travis has recently received a request to use the closed sludge landfill property to access adjacent land for hunting. We also, often receive request to use the compost facility land for hunting, walking dogs, etc., and have had time where people are parking on the property and even riding go-karts. Travis asked for direction on property access request and the Board indicated that the landfill, compost facility, and compost facility building should be posted with no trespassing signs.

Androscoggin County EMA Grant: Travis noted that we were awarded a \$10,000 grant to put toward the installation of a new front entrance gate. Staff plans to solicit quotes for this work and will provide a recommendation to move forward at the November meeting.

Other Business:

Board Membership: Mark Adams term as Chairperson expires next month.

November Board Meeting: The November meeting is currently scheduled for Veteran's Day. After a brief discussion it was decided to schedule the next board meeting for November 9th.

2023 Budget Workshop: Travis plans to have a draft budget ready for the end of October or first few days of November. We are required to provide a 10-day public notice of budget adoption, so depending on when we set the November board meeting date, we may be able to have budget ready for approval at the November meeting. Travis will send out a draft budget to Board members and available dates for workshops.

Dan Goyette made a motion to enter into Executive session. Mary Ann seconded and the motion passed.

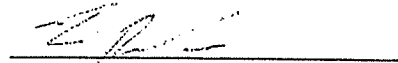
Norm Lamie made a motion to come out of executive session, Dan Goyette seconded, all approved.

Norm Lamie made a motion to decline a first right of refusal for purchase of real estate at 276 Penley Corner Road, Auburn Maine. Steve Ness seconded, and all approved.

Adjourn:

Dan Goyette made a motion to adjourn. Mary Anne seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Peaslee", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager