

**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, July 12, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

Directors Present: Sid Hazelton
Norm Lamie
Mark Adams
Pete Preble
Denis D'Auteuil
Peter Crichton
Dale Doughty

Absent: Ralph LenFestey

Superintendent: Clayton Richardson

Assistant Superintendent: Travis Peaslee

Secretary: Travis Peaslee

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

Denis D'Auteuil made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 regular meeting. Peter Crichton seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Mac Richardson noted that he needed to look at our current financial status given all of the unbudgeted PFAS related expense. Peter Crichton requested that all unbudgeted legal fees be broken in to separate PFAS and ACA related totals and that a summary of cost be sent to the entire board. Mac noted that a summary would be sent to the entire board via email before the end of the day July 12th.

Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the financial reports. Peter Crichton seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Public Questions and Comments

There were no public questions or comments.

Superintendent Report

Mac Richardson reported that MEPERS finally returned his phone messages regarding cash paid in lieu of health insurance to three employees. The returned message stated that a formal response letter will be mailed on July 11th, 2019. Once that letter is received, the Authority will need to determine how to respond.

Mac Richardson discussed with the board the possibility of drafting an RFP for consulting services to evaluate future biosolids disposal options. He noted that there were three consultants he would recommend to send the RFP to that have expertise in this area. The board generally agreed with drafting an RFP, however stated that the timing of when to send out an RFP is a bit unknown given the PFAS regulatory uncertainty. Dale Doughty recommended discussing the scope of work with NEBRA in order to determine whether or not other facilities could benefit from a joint evaluation of disposal options.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Dale Doughty and Denis D'Auteuil reported that there was little feedback from Lewiston Council after their latest PFAS update. Financial cost and impacts were of most concern during the latest discussions.

Peter Crichton reported that Auburn council has been kept informed of the PFAS issue for a while now and that he hasn't had many questions from them. Peter suggested that Mac may be requested to go back to update Council in August or September.

Sid Hazleton reported that the Auburn Sewer District Trustees have also been kept informed of the PFAS issues and impacts.

Old Business

ACA Update- The final draft of the ACA was included in the board packet. Mark Adams reported that there was minor back and forth communication with the Department regarding desired language leading up to the final agreement but that he was happy with the end result. The SEP was agreed to and is part of the ACA. Tom Doyle is comfortable with the final language. Once the document is signed it will trigger deadlines on things such as the CAP submittal and SEP reports. The board requested that Mac Richardson develop a time-line document to track those regulatory milestones and present it to the board monthly. It was also requested that Mac separate and aggregate cost for ACA and PFAS and present that information to the board as part of a monthly update. Lastly, it was requested that Mac submit a weekly update to the board on the status of both the ACA and PFAS items. Norm Lamie made a motion to authorize the Board Chairman to sign and execute the ACA with the DEP as currently submitted and that all ACA related cost, including the SEP, be paid for out of the reserve for replacement account. Peter Crichton seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

PFAS and Biosolids- Mark Adams reported that letter from Berman & Simmons was sent to Peter Crichton to inform him that they have formed a working group to target those impacted by PFAS. Mark Adams noted that this law firm represents the Arundel Farm that was affected by PFAS and that their firm was recently given Judge approval to put the timeline for action for that suit on-hold. It was noted that liability of PFAS is still unknown but likely to be around for some time.

Dale Doughty gave an update on the Governor's PFAS task force. Dale noted that at the June meeting all impacted state agencies provided updates and results of respective testing and all seemed positive. He noted that the task force members appear split which may make it difficult to produce results and he is skeptical that they will have a report ready in time for the new legislature. He also noted that there seemed to be very little legislative buzz around this topic.

Mark Adams requested that Mac Richardson send him financial and operational impact data so that he can develop a written summary to the local delegation to keep them informed with a factual but brief update.

2018 Audit Approval- Mac needs to provide the auditor with a management discussion letter and then the final audit should be able to be wrapped up and ready for approval at the August board meeting.

New Business

None

Other Business

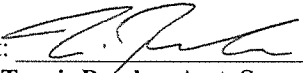
None.

Executive Session

Norm Lamie made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13: subchapter 1, Section 405 of Maine State Law. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Pete Preble seconded and all approved.

Attest: 

Travis Peaslee, Asst. Superintendent