

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 April 15, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

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

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 7:31 a.m.

Minutes

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2022 regular meeting. Steve Ness seconded, all others approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee gave a brief overview of the financials. Gas and Electricity are up a bit due to unit pricing and demand charges. We are doing what we can to cut back on use of both. He anticipates a draft audit by late April. The auditors are planning to present on the draft audit at our May board meeting.

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Public Comment- None

General Manager's Report-

Staff provided a couple tours to Bates students last month, to a new prospective Auburn Sewer Trustee the other day, and have one scheduled this week for SMCC students and possibly a group of boy scouts.

Travis gave a LAWPCA overview presentation at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Auburn council meeting, where he also touched on the CSO and solids dryer projects and of course PFAS.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts- Dan Goyette just mentioned and thanked Travis for doing a great job at presentation at council meeting.

### Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS- There isn't a whole lot to discuss regarding biosolids as we are on cruise control transferring material for eventual landfill. Travis has had a few discussions with Farmers who have had their wells tested and have fielded a few inquiries about future testing around some of our sites. There is plenty in the news regarding PFAS, but fortunately our programs aren't the targets of many recent publications.

On the dryer project, we have wrapped up and addressed 30% design comments. We did have meetings to discuss options for overhead equipment removal as well as one to provide a "virtual" 3D tour of the facilities for some of our staff. Brown & Caldwell is aware of our desire to pause at this point, and they will continue to work with the vendors to answer concerns we have about air deposition. In addition to the legislative pieces, Travis has been in communication with 374Water Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO), and had a call scheduled with them soon to continue discussions. Additionally, Elode Technologies has informed us that they are willing to run samples of our material in their pilot machine located in NJ, so we will be working to ship some material within the next month. Once the legislative session concludes we will have a better sense of where things are at and should be able to spend more time on the action items Travis noted last month.

CSO Project: Woodard & Curran continues to be busy, they received draft field survey earlier this week and expect to get the final survey shortly. Sargent is working on preparing conceptual cost estimates for the upstream improvements and one of the plant optimizations options. They have started looking at the design implications of a deep tank versus a shallow tank, and Sargent is working on developing unit cost for both approaches for comparison Subsurface evaluation expected to begin the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> (assuming contract modification is approved). Draft results and recommendations are expected by the end of April. Woodard & Curran plans to hold a Workshop with LAWPCA at end of April to review conceptual cost estimates for separate projects and plant optimization and tank unit pricing to help evaluate cost of right-sizing the proposed storage tank.

Woodard & Curran is requesting a contract modification to provide environmental services and to contract with Summit Geoengineering Service for geotechnical services in support of the conceptual design and cost estimating of the CSO Tank. If approved, Summit would be onsite the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> to begin the work.

Norm Lamie made a motion to approve a contract modification to the Woodard & Curran siting analysis & conceptual design agreement, to provide subsurface evaluation task for a cost of \$45,300. All work will be completed on a Time & Material basis and charged to the reserve for replacement account. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

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. CDM has already provided us with the spreadsheet to perform the annual calculations necessary to determine cost sharing on the portion of funds LAWPCA bonds. The last remaining piece is

to solidify all that we have discussed via an MOU. Travis presented a draft CSO tank funding memorandum of understanding at the February meeting, so at this point, just waiting on feedback before finalizing and getting board approval of it. Sid Hazelton said his Board looked at it and approved, so at this point we are just waiting on Lewiston to do the same.

Travis submitted the required SRF information, had a couple follow up calls with DEP, and expected to have heard something official from them by now. On the call it was noted that our project scored really high. Travis will let the board know more once he gets official word either way.

Closed Landfill Ownership: Titcomb wrapped up the boundary survey and Jeff, John and Travis met with CMA last month to discuss boundary lines. CMA is going to work with Titcomb and will likely set some temporary boundary markers so that everyone can meet again and walk the property to make sure the proposed boundaries work for all parties. CMA is working to confirm City planning and DEP requirements for the subdivision. We will eventually have to get legal involved to handle the deeds and other execution processes.

Bar Screen Project: Travis met with DEP and Wright Pierce last month to discuss 90% design documents. All comments are now addressed, and we should have 100% documents shortly. Once complete we will get the project out on the street for at least 30 days soliciting installation contractor bids. We are hopeful we can have everything back and turned around in time for an award recommendation at the June 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The Screens are already built and being stored onsite at the manufacturer's facility. They have provided proof of existence and insurance on the units, so we agreed to pay for that portion of the work. The control panels will be completed by early July, which will work well with construction award timing.

#### New Business

DOL Enforcement: We received official word on the DOL citation previously reported. We had to provide corrective action as well as pay a fine of \$550. We have completed all requirements, including paying the fine and correcting the problem, now we need to send pictures of the equipment purchased. Then all requirements will be met.

Treatment Plant In-Coming Power: CMP is working on moving this job forward on their end. The CMP portion will be no cost to LAWPCA. We will coordinate the transfer outage at a future point when construction facilitates the opportunity to transfer power to the new feed and transformer. There is a CMP design appointment scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am where CMP will set stakes for their pole set. We will continue to work with CMP on this and have been working with EII and Express Electric on how best to handle our end of the work, while minimizing shut down time and operational interruptions. Due to their familiarity with our site and our operations, we plan to only solicit proposal from EII and Express, and the Board indicated they are ok with that.

(Old Business) LAWPCA Branding: Travis sent out the video presentation of the proposal submitted to us by Pivotal for branding/messaging efforts. Our initial reaction is that they are asking for a lot of money (\$7,000/month for 6 month) to perform this work. We do see the potential long-term benefits of doing such an exercise, but feel the money is too much. Mark Adams noted that he would reach out to Pivotal to express our concerns and to continue discussions.

#### Other Business:

There will be Riverfest Celebration June 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff will look into setting up a booth, and possibly offer tours at LAWPCA. There will also be a separate 50<sup>th</sup> Clean Water Act anniversary celebration in September that we plan to be involved with.

Adjourn:

Steve Ness made a motion to adjourn. Dan Goyette 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