

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 August 12, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

Directors Present: Mark Adams
 Dan Goyette
 Sid Hazelton
 Mary Ann Brenchick
 Norm Lamie

Directors Absent: Steve Ness
 Jeff Beaulé

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Paula Drouin

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey (Absent)

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Minutes - Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2022, regular meeting. Sid Hazelton seconded. All approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Financial Reports - Travis Peaslee gave a brief overview of the financials. Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

After an overview of the cost apportionment, Dan Goyette made a motion to set August and September cost apportionment 62% Lewiston, 38% Auburn. Norm Lamie seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Public Comment- None

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts - Sid Hazelton reported that the city of Auburn is looking to impose a 9.5% sewer rate increase effective November 2022.

General Manager's Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that LAWPCA produced 594 yds of material this month and almost all of it was sent to the composting facility to then be transferred by Casella to Landfill. One load was used to perform a compost drying trial which is still on-going. It is possible that a couple trial loads will be taken up to Hartland landfill next month (they are a potential outlet in the future).

Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation: Travis Peaslee reported that digester campus equipment is operating well and both co-generation units are operational; however, gas production is lower due to lower strength feedstocks. Power production remains good.

Septic Receiving: Travis Peaslee reported that septic is currently \$52,640 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Travis Peaslee reported that the effluent continues to look good. In July, there were two influent bypass events, two effluent violations, no use of the secondary bypass, and the facility treated roughly 192 million gallons. The first violation was for an incident in April that was recently realized by staff where the plant received 250 more gallons of septage than permitted to. The second was for a short influent bypass event at less than 32 MGD due to a SCADA control issue. The septic issue is a first and is being resolved by a handful of measures, notably properly classifying the material received and increasing the amount the plant is approved to receive in the new permit. The SCADA control issue was an EII programming issue and was resolved by them. Travis Peaslee also reported that an aeration basin is down for a couple weeks for concrete repairs, so effluent may not be as good over this period.

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the monthly operating reports, Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS: Travis Peaslee reported that he is continuing to work on biosolids management options and had a planned meeting with the biosolids subcommittee (Norm and Sid) where it was decided it is best to proceed with Casella for the near term, while exploring other options (e.g., Hartland, Englobe). Travis Peaslee also reported that DEP-funded PFAS effluent testing is scheduled to begin this month or next; however, a sampling plan has not been submitted to LAWPCA by DEP yet.

CSO Project: Travis Peaslee reported on project updates. The thought is to upsize the influent pump motors, but there is the possibility that both the pumps and the motors will need to be upsized. The geotechnical evaluation will be finalized and there will be a progress meeting with

Woodard and Curran to review and finalize conceptual design. Once the work is done, a final presentation will be given to the board.

Travis Peaslee reported on the tank funding MOU. He responded to comments from Heather Hunter and provided an updated draft of the document to the board for review. Norm Lamie made a motion "to authorize Travis Peaslee to sign the latest version of the MOU and then submit to Lewiston and Auburn for signatures". Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed

Closed Landfill Ownership: Travis Peaslee reported that approval for the subdivision was obtained from the Lewiston Financial Committee, the Planning Board, and City Council last month. Titcomb will finalize the record drawing and draft up easement language, then a Lawyer will develop and register the deed. Once the deed is registered, CMA will finalize changes to the landfill permits.

Bar Screen Project: Travis Peaslee reported that the installation work was awarded to Damon Mechanical. They will be on-site August 29th and will have 120 days to complete the work. Travis Peaslee provided an update on construction services. Dan Goyette made a motion to approve "Wright Pierce construction services for the influent mechanical screen upgrades project on a time & material basis, for a cost not to exceed \$52,960, and to be paid for from the SRF loan". Mary Ann Brenchick seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Branding: Travis Peaslee reported on branding updates. Staff has developed a mission statement and values and continues to work on gathering information for the 50th celebration in 2024 as well as future website upgrades. A name change has also been considered, so the board needs to be conscious of the time frame required for anything beyond a "DBA". (i.e. a charter change, meaning the process will need to be started soon in order to get a legislative bill sponsored). In the short-term, Travis Peaslee will engage staff for input on the name change.

Treatment Plant In-Coming Power: Travis Peaslee reported on project updates. Once complete, a shutdown will be scheduled for CMP to connect the necessary cables. Since this will require the plant to run on generator power for 8+ hours, he will try to get a standby generator on site as a backup to LAWPCA's existing CAT generator.

New Business

By-law changes: Travis Peaslee provided a draft track change version of the bylaws for consideration and stated that article IX allows for by-law amendment with a 5/7 board vote. Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the proposed By-law changes. Norm Lamie seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Aluminum local limit: Travis Peaslee reported that the effluent aluminum violation experienced a few months ago has triggered discussions with staff and the state Industrial Pretreatment

Coordinator which resulted in the DEP wanting LAWPCA to establish local limits. Staff is working to sample and develop these limits while working concurrently with a local industry and their consultant on solutions before amending their permit for aluminum limits. There will be a public notice and comment period once we have determined what the new limits will be.

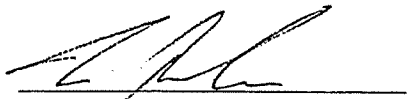
Charter Change: Travis Peaslee reported that a charter change will be needed if we undergo a name change. There are existing items that also need to be revised, including changing the title of 'Superintendent' to 'General Manager' and clarifying the terms of the 7th board member.

Informational Items

Staff: Travis Peaslee reported that there are currently two position vacancies, both due to employee separation from employment (a mechanic and an operator). A new mechanic was hired and will start on August 22. The operator position posting is open until August 15.

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager