

**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, December 11, 2020 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln Street Lewiston.

Directors Present: Sid Hazelton
Norm Lamie
Mark Adams
Steve Ness
Dan Goyette
Dale Doughty
Denis D'Auteuil

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 7:35 a.m.

Minutes

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2020 regular meeting. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Election of Officers

Norm Lamie made a motion to leave slate of officers as is: Board Chair-Mark Adams, Treasurer- Ralph Lenefesty, and Clerk- Travis Peaslee. Sid Hazelton seconded, all approved, and the motion passed..

Consent Agenda

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Dennis D'Auteuil seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Travis provided an account overview through November 30. Need to flag the 75K in extra revenue for Industrial fees that should have been in 2019. 2020 Audit is due to begin in late February, make note to flag with audit. Showing a surplus for 2020 around 367,352.at this point.

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Budget Status, Profit-Loss Statement, Balance sheet and check register reports. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Cost Apportionment

After a brief review, Sid Hazelton made a motion to set First Quarter Cost Apportionment to 64% Lewiston and 36% Auburn. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Annual Investment Report- LAWPCA is required to provide the Board with an annual report. Ralph has developed a report as of November 30. Overall doing ok, don't see interest rates going up with the current situation. Will provide an updated report in February so that it can include year to date totals as reported.

General Manager Report- Union met on December 2nd and voted to approve the union contract. Mark Adams has signed and Travis will work with union reps to finalize the document.

The Cerahelix/Genesis pilot noted last month has been put on hold. If it happens at all, late spring or early summer. Travis will keep Board updated.

Oliver Associates reached out and scheduled a meeting for LAWPCA and the City of Lewiston regarding the town of Sabattus tying in their pump station to the cities.

Report from Citites/Sewer Districts: Auburn Sewer District to approve 2021 budget by next Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

Old Business:

ACA Update- The amended ACA is now on the BEP agenda for December 17th, Travis will attend meeting remotely. DEP is recommending its approval and don't have any reason to believe it won't be approved.

SEP projects are complete and Mike Broadbent is in the process of compiling receipts to prove that all SEP funds were spent.

PFAS and Biosolids- Nothing new to report Dryer study is still on going. Workshop is scheduled for Jan 16th with the subcommittee members.

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan- On December 3rd, Sid, Mike Broadbent, Jeff Beale and Travis went to check out the Portland CSO tank under construction in back cove. With this tank going online in the summer of 2022, we should be able to see the tank operational and listen to lessons learned while we are in design for our tank. DEP approved our amended plan. Ongoing cost study is extremely important with one more presentation for discussion then Board will need to make a decision in February. Travis recommend we start discussion about roles and responsibilities and who is going to make up the team ensuring all of those items get completed accordingly. LAWPCA in lead role getting it built, maybe start a RFP/RFQ. #Of gallons of capacity, sizing, where should it go. Tank design will make a difference. Dale suggested to table until next meeting for further discussion.

Closed Sludge Landfill- Travis met with Dale and rob Stalford to discuss the three test results and our next steps. Have a meeting on December 17th to represent to DEP the results and response expectations. We anticipate offering to the residents removal of the existing RO system and installation of a Granulated Activated Carbon system to remove the PFAS. Due to elevated concentrations of PFAS in the sludge landfill and similar compound characteristics to that found in the residence drinking water well, Travis believes it makes sense for only LAWPCA and the residents to enter into any. Agreement for such a system and future maintenance cost. Should have agreement looked at by lawyer beforehand and maybe run past DEP as well.

Auburn Property Sales Agreement- Ginny is due back from Florida for a short duration sometime in the middle of December and anticipates discussing everything with her then. The bank had an issue with easement wording. Dan mentioned he knew someone who is interested in property for more \$\$, but need to think about our benefits of the agreement as well.

New Business

Closed Landfill- LAWPCA currently maintains the property but does not own it or have agreements for. Moving forward what is the best way to handle, new lease of the property or some other form of agreement. However, feel it is in both parties interest to have something in writing identifying who owns, operates , insures, has access to and is responsible for not only the material and infrastructure, but also any liabilities that ;may arise from offsite groundwater impacts. Dale will have internal conversation and get back to Travis.

Capital Improvement Plan- (Denis and Dale left the meeting).
After discussion on CIP, Norm Lamie made a motion to approve as presented on December 9th. Steve Ness seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Discussion on anything over threshold would come back to Board for approval.

Adjourn

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

Attest: 

Travis B Peaslee, General Manager