

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 Sept 10, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Directors Present:	Sid Hazelton Norm Lamie Mark Adams Mary Ann Brenchick Steve Ness Jeff Beaulé
Directors Absent:	Dan Goyette
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Absent
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfestey

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes

Mary Ann Brenchick made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2021 regular meeting. Steve Ness seconded, all others approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Sid Hazelton seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Travis informed the Board that the process for 2022 budget has been started and should be able to have a rough draft available for the November Board meeting.

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

Mary Ann Brenchick made a motion to set 4th Quarter Cost Apportionment to Lewiston 63% and Auburn 37%. Steve Ness seconded, all approved, the motion passed.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Biosolids & P FAS Management:

Travis has been working with Brown & Caldwell on 30% design, specifically the heat loop, additional boiler needs, and potential tie-in on the CHPs. We have also been discussing information obtained from various indirect heat dryer manufacturers. We are making good progress and should have something to share by the end of the year. BC is presenting on our project at the MEWEA fall convention next week and we are also co-presenting the project at the NEBRA convention next month. We have an abstract in for the NEWEA annual conference so will likely be presenting there as well.

Travis had a meeting with Gene Barker to discuss our land application programs. After evaluating our site history, site location, farm succession, and the farmers desire to remain in the program, we came up with a list of 13 farms from the total of 22 that we recommend surrendering. The issue at the moment is DEP isn't allowing surrenders until 2026 unless they have soil and water tests from the site per recent legislation. Travis is waiting to hear back whether or not our submitting the surrender paperwork would allow us to stop paying the annual license fee (\$400/year) despite the DEP not fully processing the surrender. Travis will dig deeper and report back next month.

Travis heard back from the DEP regarding his question on resumption of land application if we had site specific data showing there was no impact to ground water. The response essentially said that there is a pathway for this to happen but cautioned that we would likely need to have an environmental monitoring plan (EMP) for the site and annual testing would be required. There is substantial cost to do this, however at a farm the size of Barker farm, there could be tremendous benefit and cost savings if we could spread on all of their fields. Something to keep in the back of our minds.

CSO Update:

There has been a bit of on-going discussion on the model that Tighe & Bond provided, and understanding then tweaking it is all part of the expected initial phase of work. Until all questions are answered on this front, Travis doesn't anticipate much more movement so he will be working with all sides to get things addressed. Jeff Beaulé will follow up with them as well.

Closed Landfill Ownership:

John Kuchinski received a scope and proposal and will be sending to Travis to review. Travis will provide a recommendation of action for the Board meeting in October.

Sabattus connection:

Travis had a call with Tighe & Bond to discuss how our industrial pretreatment program and authority might be handled with such a connection. Travis shared his thoughts as well as our rules & regulations, charter authority, and enforcement plan to ensure this is all considered as part of connection evaluation. Tighe & Bond is submitting a proposal to Lewiston to perform an evaluation of impacts on behalf of the City of Lewiston. Mary Ann Brenchick mentioned that Sabattus would be

asked to pay up front for this. The Sabattus Council will be meeting September 14th so we will know more, after then.

Bar Screen Project:

Travis has submitted the bond application to the bond bank but don't anticipate our application being taken up until their October meeting. The DEP, Bond Bank, and Bond Counsel are all aware of our desire to do a temporary then permanent note and to also pay for engineering services with it.

Travis has had one in-person and a couple additional phone meetings with Wright Pierce on this project. Travis sent them a draft RFP for the screens as well as a scoring evaluation form we plan to use to award the equipment. Staff is working through controls specifications to provide as much redundancy as possible and hope to have the specs updated and ready to be plugged in to the RFP within a couple weeks.

Septic program changes:

Travis recommended changes to our septic program as well as a recommendation to start the public notification process in order to update our septic rules and regulations.

Board agreed to start public notification so approval of changes can be accepted at the October Board meeting.

New Business

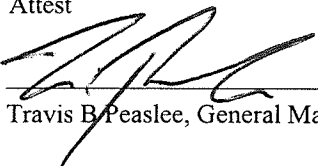
Board meeting dates:

After discussing the possibility of changing the meeting dates/times, it was determined to leave the meeting dates as is. A hand copy of the most up to date information for Cost Apportionment could be provided the day of the meeting, if necessary.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn, Mary Ann Brenchick seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager