

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 January 10, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston

Directors Present: Dan Goyette
 Steve Ness
 Kevin Gagne
 Mark Adams
 Mike Broadbent
 Jeff Beaulé

Directors absent: Norm Lamie

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Candace Taylor

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey

Dan Goyette called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Mark Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2024, meeting. Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee reviewed the financial reports. Kevin Gagne made a motion to approve the financial reports. Jeff Beaulé seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present, and no public comments were received.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Nothing new to report for the month.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that we were able to deliver all 638 yards of material directly to Hartland.

Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation: Travis Peaslee reported that things are operating well at the digestion complex, that both co-generation units are operational and generated higher than average amounts of gas and power for the month. Despite the mechanical repairs we plan to make to CHP #2 in the near future, things remain good on this front.

Septic Receiving: Travis Peaslee reported that in December the Authority received 206,300 gallons of septic waste, which is 30,300 gallons or \$4,242 more than budgeted. Year-to-date the Authority is 1,128,800 gallons or \$158,032 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Travis Peaslee reported that the effluent continues to look good. We had two influent bypass events, no use the secondary bypass, and treated roughly 299 million gallons. DEP is working with us on the HG investigation, and we have also been working with Lewiston staff since we are fairly certain that is the side of the river, we are getting it from. We will share findings as we continue to look and sample throughout the collection system.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS

Travis Peaslee reported that on the Lewiston landfill license amendment front, we have submitted the required on-site mixing study report, so the ball is back in the DEP court. It is unclear at the moment how this will all be written in to the final permit amendment, but we are hoping to have it written loosely so that we can adjust volumes, as future operations adjust.

Travis Peaslee reported that he continues to work closely with Brown & Caldwell on the 30% dryer design update. Travis was hopeful to have a draft before the end of the year, but was told we should have something from them by the end of January.

Travis Peaslee reported that Waste Management continues efforts to finalize their final draft of a services offer for future use of their dryer project. He was provided some information to consider on the emergency power adder, but have yet to see the final draft complete agreement. Travis anticipates that within the next week or two, and then believe we would have 6-8 weeks thereafter to make a decision.

Travis has reached out and requested updated proposals from both Casella (Juniper Ridge Landfill) and Biogenie (Quebec composting facility). He is working to compile all of this information into a comprehensive biosolids management document that he hops to have ready for the February meeting.

We sent off our annual compost facility water quality monitoring report, and the results were good as expected. This provided the DEP with the 4 years of statistically decreasing trends they were looking for, so we requested for a meeting asap to see if they might be willing to make a determination on our request for successful corrective action.

CSO Project:

The project is moving along well, and the weather has been fairly cooperative for Sargent. We are finishing up addressing design comments for the IFC drawings and are not aware of any real issues. We are working on processing CO#1 and am still waiting to get DEP approval before reflecting the change in contract documents. The MMBB approved our loan application on December 18th and we plan on closing on the \$9.98M interim loan within the 1st quarter of 2025.

Name Change

Travis Peaslee reported that the bill has been submitted, now we just wait. We plan to leave this item on the agenda to keep the board updated as the process progresses.

Compost Facility

The draft P&S agreement has been presented to TD Wood. Travis has tried to discuss the groundwater component with DEP; however, he thinks at this point they are just waiting to see what the annual evaluation report says. TD Wood informed us that they are working on all of this.

Board appointments:

Norm is able to continue to serve until a successor is found. The city council has approved William (Jim) Horn to be his replacement, and Kevin Gagne will reach out to him to discuss next steps.

PFAS Litigation:

Travis provided Jamie with all the requested information, and is now just awaiting responses, which likely will be in February or March. Travis will continue discussions with Jamie until he feels like we have what is needed in order to make a decision.

New Business- no new business reported.

Informational Items

Staffing update: Travis Peaslee reported that the Authority has one additional mechanic position currently advertised.

Peracetic Acid pilot:

With the eventual addition of two more months of chlorination season to our new permit, concerns of cold weather operations, and volatility with availability and cost for chlorine, we have been exploring alternatives. We have been working closely with a vender that provides a peracetic acid alternative. They have done a great job answering our questions, performed onsite bench testing, and is scheduled to visit again on January 30th to assess logistics for a possible trial. Over the next month, we plan to draft a pilot project plan proposal to send to the DEP for consideration, with the intent of running a trial prior to our chlorination season starting in May.

General Manager Review

Mark mentioned it had been a couple of years since a review had been done and thought it would be good to perform a review soon. Travis said that he would send the Board the review documents utilized in 2022.

Adjourn

Mike Broadbent made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ness seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Peaslee', written in a cursive style.

Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager