

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 November 8 2024, at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St
Lewiston

Directors Present: Norm Lamie
 Dan Goyette
 Steve Ness
 Kevin Gagne
 Jeff Beaulé
 Matthew Waite (for Mike Broadbent)

Directors absent: Mark Adams

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Paula Drouin

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey

Dan Goyette called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Kevin Gagne made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2024, meeting. Steve Ness seconded, all others approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee reviewed the financial reports. Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the financial reports. Steve Ness seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed. Steve Ness made a motion to set November and December cost apportionment at 69% Lewiston/31 % Auburn. Kevin Gagne 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

Auburn - Matt Waite reported that a major item is their 1/1 study being done with Wright Pierce. It looks like there are nine catch basins tied into the sewer main at Mechanics Row.

Lewiston - Jeff Beaulieu reported that bids for the catch basin project on Bates and Pine St., should be in next week. A three-year contract for CC TV work is also out to bid.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that we were able to deliver all 726 yards of material directly to Hartland. Biosolid volumes have normalized, and we anticipate it staying this way throughout the fall.

Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation: Travis Peaslee reported that things are operating well at the digestion complex, that both co-generation units are operational, that lower than average amounts of gas but higher than average power for the month were generated.

Septic Waste: Travis Peaslee reported that in October the Authority received 586,600 gallons of septic waste, which is 114,600 gallons or \$16,044 more than budgeted. Year-to-date the Authority is 924,500 gallons or \$129,430 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Travis Peaslee reported that the effluent continues to look good. There were no influent bypass events, no use of the secondary bypass, and roughly 175 million gallons were treated. Major tankage was taken down for annual maintenance and inspection over the month which impacted effluent quality a little during that time, however all tanks are back online and things look great. Unfortunately, another mercury spike was detected in the Lewiston influent and staff are currently working with LPW and the DEP on an investigation.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS:

Travis Peaslee reported that on the Lewiston landfill license amendment front, the required on-site mixing study report was submitted to the DEP and the Authority will await a response.

Travis Peaslee reported that he continues to work closely with Brown & Caldwell on the 30% dryer design update which should be available by early December.

Travis Peaslee reported that Waste Management continues efforts to finalize their final draft of a services offer for future use of their dryer project, and he anticipates receiving it within the next month or two if they can come to terms with CMP on back-up power.

Travis Peaslee reported that he had a meeting with the DEP last week to continue discussing state level biosolids management. The commissioner pitched a \$50 million bond package to the Governor, and it appears there will be a good chance it will be on the November 2025 ballot. The thought is to help fund regional projects, but efforts are being made to make sure projects like an onsite dryer would be eligible. Any such money wouldn't be available until the middle of 2026. Because of the timing, DEP noted that CDS funds should also be sought out. A number of issues were discussed, such as the PFAS report, the on-going CDD study and future legislation, and how best to balance public and private funds/projects with any future state grants.

Travis Peaslee reported that he was introduced to another evolving biosolids management technology. Travis worked to edit the company's NDA to something both parties are comfortable with, and once submitted, the company can divulge the technology details.

CSO Project:

Travis Peaslee reported that things are moving fast, and 100% design is anticipated soon. Some of the highlights are:

- Ground-breaking ceremony was held 10/16
- Pump stations modeling is underway and the firm performing it has offered a site visit in late November to see the models and results if anyone is interested in seeing it
- The diversion structure model was completed
 - Submittal review is underway using Procore
- DB team evaluated and appears to have accepted our alternative approach to the plant water system.
- The Crane Truck was ordered
- Construction trailers are onsite, site prep and staging well underway
- All trees were cut
- Temporary fencing installed
 - Storm drain piping being installed
 - SRF application for \$18M submitted to MMBB

Travis Peaslee reported that bi-weekly construction meetings will be held starting November 14th, and every other Thursday thereafter at 1 pm and Board members are welcome to attend.

Travis Peaslee reported that over the next month, Sargent plans to:

- Install new water service at second 'Emergency' driveway.
- Install Pump Station Sheeting.
- Excavate Pump Station Cofferdam & install interior support. e Begin duct bank installation

Travis Peaslee reported that he is working to get final figures for a comprehensive change order #1, and he hopes to have this ready for the December board meeting. As of now, this is where the CO stands:

Emergency generator: (\$720,000.00)

Secondary access road: \$28,000.00

Main switchgear PLC upgrade: \$139,818.00

Emergency power auto transfer switch: \$192,323.90

Plant water strainer & isolation valve: TBD

Name Change

Travis Peaslee reported that Representative Kristen Cloutier is willing to sponsor the legislative change and that he will update the Board as needed.

Com ost Facilit

Travis Peaslee reported he had a meeting with Ron Bissonnette to start drafting a P&S agreement with the necessary conditions. Travis will communicate with T&D Wood Energy to try to get movement on their end. Travis Peaslee repofled that we should hopefully get successful corrective action at the closed biofilter. This would hopefully mean minimal monitoring requirements for the future owner.

Board appointments:

Travis Peaslee reported that now that the election is over, the clerk's office should be more available to work on this.

New Business

Auburn Solar Request: Travis Peaslee reported that an agreement with Blue Wave Solar was signed on 11/21/23 which allowed them one year to determine if they were going to exercise an option to move forward with Solar at the former Libby farm parcel. They provided the Authority with \$2,500 upon signing and would owe another \$7,500 if they exercised the option within a year. They recently requested a one-to-three-month extension to finalize a few things, as they intend to exercise the option and move forward with the installation. This extension doesn't impact the Authority. Norm Lamie made a "motion to extend the deadline with Blue Wave Solar by three months". Steve Ness seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

PFAS Litigation: Dan Goyette reported that Phil Crowell strongly encouraged LAC WA to participate in a ME PFAS retainer through Napoli Law (originally presented to the Board in May 2023). Travis Peaslee reported that Phil Crowell encouraged him to speak with local legal counsel contact, Jamie Belleau. Kevin Gagne commented that he spoke with Brian O'Malley who is also in favor. Both cities worked with Napoli Law on the opioid settlement and had favorable results. After discussion, the Board decided to ask Jamie Belleau to attend the

December board meeting to discuss (Dan Goyette will reach out to him). Travis Peaslee will research the difference between Napoli and S&L firms.

2025 Draft Budget: Travis Peaslee provided the Board with the 2025 draft budget via email prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the State's new Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) Insurance program and decided that the Authority would pay the 0.5% employee contribution rather than having the employees pay. The estimated cost for 2025 is \$5600. Several other accounts were discussed and questions answered. Travis Peaslee will post a 10-day public notice in the Sun Journal, and will provide an updated summary for approval at the December meeting. 2025 Draft CIP: Travis Peaslee provided the Board (via email) the draft CIP, along with a financial and capital analysis spreadsheet, prior to the meeting. There were no comments, therefore the CIP will be placed on the December agenda for approval.

Informational Items

Staffing update: Travis Peaslee reported that the Authority recently hired one new mechanic but also has one additional mechanic position currently advertised.

Roofing Project: Travis Peaslee reported that IRC was able to complete the roof project, and the only remaining item is for the manufacturer to do a final inspection to activate the warranty.

EMA Grant: Travis Peaslee reported that the Authority submitted an HSGP application with Androscoggin EMA for site security cameras and was awarded \$20,000 towards the project. Staff are working to determine total project cost, and some funds are included within the CIP to get the project completed in early 2025.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ness seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager