

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 September 12, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St Lewiston

Directors Present:	Norm Lamie Dan Goyette Steve Ness Mike Broadbent Kevin Gagne Jeff Beaulé Mark Adams
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Directors absent:	n/a
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General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
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Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
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Secretary:	Candace Taylor
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Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfesty
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Dan Goyette called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 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.

Norm Lamie made a motion to set 4th quarter cost apportionment at 63% Lewiston and 37% Auburn. Mike Broadbent seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Our 1-year \$250,000 CD at Auburn Savings has matured. Ralph and Travis' recommendation is to renew the CD at the Auburn savings 1-year special rate. Norm Lamie made a motion to renew the CD at Auburn Savings at the best rate, for 1- year. Steve Ness 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

Mike Broadbent reported that they have narrowed down their inflow investigation to a 1300' stretch from Mechanics row to Troy St. Smoke detecting is scheduled for the last week in September. Jeff Beaulieu reported they awarded their lining bid, and they are working on an easement on a property with a significant area storm drain connected to the sewer.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that we were able to deliver all 699 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 we made lower than average amounts of gas but higher than average power for the month. Despite the mechanical repairs we plan to make to CHP #2 in the near future, things are pretty good on this front.

Septic Receiving: Travis Peaslee reported that we brought in 413,750 gallons, which is 9,750 gallons or \$1,365 more than budgeted. Year-to-date we are 658,900 gallons or \$92,246 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Travis Peaslee reported that effluent continues to look good. We had two small influent bypass events, and zero effluent violations, no use the secondary bypass, and treated roughly 221 million gallons. Our crew continues to manage the process well. We have continued to monitor mercury levels in both influents and our effluent and it appears that issue is nearly behind us. We plan to discuss closing our investigation efforts with the DEP, and hopefully returning to 1x year testing

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS: There has been some movement from the DEP on the Lewiston Landfill license amendment. The DEP informed us last week that they were ready to issue the amendment, with the condition that we needed to perform an onsite mixing evaluation and submit to them updated operational information. They alternatively offered for us to do the evaluation and submit the information first so that we could just be issued the amendment without conditions. We have elected to do the evaluation first and have arranged for SME to be onsite on September 17th to observe the mixing and placing of one 22-yard load.

Travis continues to work on securing no volume commitment disposal approvals with Casella and Waste Management and Englobe.

Travis had a meeting with the DEP commissioner on July 11th to discuss state level biosolids management and have another follow-up meeting on September 26th. The Commissioner is planning to pitch a bond package to the Governor early this month, so part of the next meeting will be to discuss next steps on that front and how that may play in to needed biosolids infrastructure.

Waste Management has nearly finalized their final draft of a services offer for future use of their dryer project, and we anticipate receiving it within the month. Travis informed them that we plan to have an updated dryer design in 60 days (90 days for written report) and that we plan to make a decision after we have that, and before the end of the year. Travis will work on all the information and recommendations within that time frame.

CSO Project:

We received 60% design last month and had a meeting for September 10th to address a few questions the DB team had. Travis is told that the team plans to provide 90% design on September 13th, which is nearly 2 months ahead of schedule. The one item we have met with and discussed specifically was the plant water system, which we hope to have resolved by 90% design.

We were provided with a draft change order #1 which includes the change in size and approach with the standby generator, and addition of a second facility entrance, and necessary upgrades to all the control hardware in the main switchgear. The draft change order is for a deduction of \$497,792.25. Travis is working through the control hardware upgrade component but agree with the other two items.

The influent pump project is underway, major site development approval was granted, other permitting is underway, and Travis will begin the process of applying for the SRF project funds. We anticipate construction to begin early next month and have set a tentative ground breaking celebration for October 16th.

Name Change

After discussing the name change process with Eaton Peabody, it was decided that an update to the charter would be required. Staff will draft up the recommended charter changes and will work with local delegates to obtain sponsorship of legislation to do do.

Compost Facility

Travis has spoken with and informed all proposers of our intention to negotiate a sale agreement with TD Wood Energy. TD wood crew has been onsite a few times since then to see the turners operate, and to bring cleaning vendors in to obtain quotes for a deep clean of the facility. We have been discussing the conditions of an agreement, primarily around how to address the groundwater liability component and measures needed to address it. Travis has been discussing this with SME, and the DEP, and is attempting to get a meeting on the books where all interested parties can understand and develop a plan for the groundwater component. Travis plans to reach

out to Ron Bissonnette to start the process of drafting a P&S agreement with the necessary conditions.

Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP): We signed the agreement with Wright Pierce and also submitted the MMBB application for the Cap grant. We anticipate kicking this project off next month with a Wright Pierce site visit, but was told that the full process to complete the plan, and get DEP review and approval, could be somewhere between 9-12 months.

New Business

Crane Truck Procurement: As part of the CSO tank project development, it was determined that staff would need equipment to remove the four CSO pumps that are to be installed more than 35' below grade in the CSO pump station. To not only remove the equipment, but also to transport it to receive maintenance, it was determined that a crane mounted truck would be required. Staff developed an RFP and solicited proposals from three truck body w/crane vendors, of which two proposers elected to respond met all the specification. Mark Adams made a motion to Approve the purchase of a crane mounted truck body from HEWS truck bodies & equipment, for an amount of \$75,985.00, to be paid for from CSO project funds. Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Mark Adams made a motion to approve the award of the crane truck, to Rowe Westbrook, for an amount of \$61,950.00 to be paid for from CSO project funds. Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Sodium Bisulfite Tank Replacement: The project includes the removal and disposal of the three existing 2000-gallon tanks, removal and installation of a 24' bank of windows, and installation of three new 2000-gallon tanks and associated piping. The removal and disposal of the existing tanks, along with the install of new tanks and piping will be done by a combination of Cote Crane and LACWA staff. The window removal, demolition, and installation of new will be completed by the selected window vendor. Staff requested quotation from three tank equipment vendors with freight included. Staff also requested quotes for the removal and replacement of a 24'x7' bank of windows located in the sodium bisulfite room, which is required for removal of the tanks. Despite reaching out and requesting multiple quotes, only two companies submitted a proposal. Although this project is listed in our CIP as a 2025 project, we have to perform removal/installation of the tanks outside of the disinfection season, which runs May through September. Our hope is to complete this project by early winter so that we can order new chemical in the spring of 2025, and have the system operational prior to the next disinfection season.

Mike Broadbent made a motion to approve the purchase of three sodium bisulfite tanks, from the George Seelke Company, for an amount of \$27, 171.00 to be paid for from the reserve for replacement account. Norm Lamie seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Mike Broadbent made a motion to approve the award of the bisulfite room window replacement project to Granite State Glass, for an amount of \$15,800, to be paid for from the reserve for replacement account. Norm Lamie seconded, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Board appointments: Norm Lamie has indicated that he intends to retire from the Board at the end of 2024. His position is a Lewiston resident appointed by the Mayor of Lewiston, and

confirmed by the city council, to serve a 2-year term. The only other Board appointment that is not serving by position, is the 7th member position that Mark Adams is serving in. His 3-year term expires November 2025, so we just have to take action to renew another 3year term prior to then. Kevin Gagne will discuss with the Lewiston clerk, and will see if there has been interest indicated.

Informational Items

Staffing: We have filled our last remaining position, with an applicant for our open mechanic positions scheduled to start on September 16th.

Former Schemengees site:551 Lincoln Street is being considered for a low-barrier homeless shelter.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Gagne seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Peaslee', with a stylized, cursive script.

Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager