

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEWISTON-
AUBURN CLEAN WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Clean Water Authority was held on Jan 9, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston

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

Directors absent: Jim Horn

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Candace Taylor

Treasurer: Absent

Dan Goyette called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Mike Broadbent made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2025 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.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that we delivered 704 yards of material this month, The crew managed the process the deliveries well throughout the month, and things continue to go great with deliveries to Hartland.

Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation: Things are operating well with digestion, and we are trialing a feedstock that is producing high volumes of gas. We have had one CHP operating all month. We did purchase a new generator and have since installed that in the second unit that is awaiting final mechanical repairs. We are hopeful to have two engines operating and able to utilize all increased gas we are now making moving forward.

Septic Receiving: In December, we brought in 244,700 gallons, which is 19,700 gallons or \$2,758 more than budgeted. Year-to-date, we have received 1,121,800 gallons or \$157,052 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Our effluent is looking great, and our team is managing process very well. We had zero effluent violations, one influent bypass events, no use of the secondary bypass, and treated roughly 202 million gallons.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS

The Lewiston landfill license amendment is approved, and we are now working with City of Lewiston staff to develop an agreement for use. Our understanding is that they will develop a draft agreement that we can bring to the board at a future meeting for consideration. We are hopeful to have this in place over the next month or two.

Biosolids management planning: Honey Shyne subcommittee has met and agreed to sign the letter of intent, which was non-binding, but lets the Honey Shyne team know we are interested in continuing discussions along the lines of the framework agreed to within the LOI. We anticipate a site visit from their team as the next step. Woodard & curran continues efforts on the solids handling bay expansion evaluation and we are hopeful to have something ready to discuss with Sargent within the next month. We now have the SME waste mix study results, and we continue working on dryer project related tasks such as economic analysis, air permitting, and site integration, but we don't expect any movement on this front until we know more in the Spring about additional grant funding opportunities. We continue to work closely with MEWEA on biosolids efforts at both the DEP and Legislative level, and anticipate things heating up throughout the upcoming legislative session.

CSO Project:

The project continues to go great, and things have slowed quite a bit, over the past month due to holidays and reduced staff. The electricians continue to pull wire, tank railing and ladders were

installed, and the pump station cover was poured. Over the next month, walls within the pump station will get poured, large wires will continue to be pulled and equipment wired, and pipe tunnel piping work should begin.

As far as CSO masterplan update, the Tighe & Bond team presented our proposed plan to the DEP last month, and also formally submitted our 3-entity update. The DEP indicated that they will respond in the next couple months, but seemed to indicate that they may not approve our submission as a “plan”, but may instead just allow us more time to get the CSO tank online and monitored for a sufficient period for updating our submission with a more definitive plan.

On the influent pump project, we continue to work through next steps with AECOM and Damon Mechanical. The plan for now is to pause installing the second KSB pump until February, at the earliest. We are fine pausing so long as we have the pumps operational prior to the CSO tank commissioning. We continue to work through the controls side of the jockey pump system, and have developed an internal plan for storage and maintenance of the offline/spare pumps. We are working with AECOM to design a flow recirculation system so that Damon could give us a quote for implementing such a system. Concurrently, AECOM is evaluating and developing a conceptual design and planning level cost estimate for a future jockey pump system. We have had a few discussions with their team about all of this, but haven’t seen their recommended option to date. Once we finalize the scope, the next step would be to discuss the project with the DB team to gauge their interest in implementing the solution.

Compost Facility Use

We have now submitted our compost facility closure plan to both the DEP, and City of Auburn. We are scheduled to have our request for closure plan approval presented to the Auburn planning board on January 13th. The last remaining item is getting input back from the DEP on whether or not the deed restrictions we have drafted will do what they need/want. Once we have their comments, and assuming we can come to agreement on the restrictions, we plan to register the deed restrictions.

On the TD Wood side, they have the SME phase 1 study in hand, and have approved SME to develop the VRAP application. They are anticipating 4-6 weeks to complete the application, and then another 2-3 months for DEP review of the application. They have equipment coming in early spring that they are hoping to direct to the facility, so noted that their environmental attorney will be keeping pressure on DEP for a timely response. This timeline unfortunately means that we will have to maintain the site throughout the winter, but if it all goes well, we should be able to finalize the sale by late winter/early spring.

New Business

Hook Truck procurement: The existing two hook trucks that we use to haul our biosolids to landfill are 10 years old and in decent shape, however we are starting to need more frequent and expensive repairs, which have caused some operational aggravations due to down time. Our plan was to trade in one truck for a new one in 2026, and the other in 2027. We budgeted \$225,000 for the truck, after trade-in, in our 2026 capital improvement plan (CIP) to be funded

by reserve for replacement funds. LACWA sent an RFP for a hook truck that meets our needs, and required a trade-in of one of our two trucks, to three local vendors.

Given the very attractive trade-in and bottom-line price, we asked if they would honor the same pricing if we were to trade-in and purchase the second truck now, instead of 2027. We have been given a formal proposal that does indeed provide the same pricing and trade-in for two trucks, and we feel strongly that we should take advantage of the offer now if the board is comfortable with it.

Steve Ness made a motion to approve the purchase of two 2026 Western Star 47X trucks with Stellar NXT68 sliders, and trade-in of our two 2016 Western star hook truck, to Freightliner & Western Star of Maine, for an amount of \$326,879.92, to be paid for from the reserve for replacement account. Kevin Gagne seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Board appointment: The 7th member of the board is appointed by the remaining 6 members of the board, and serves for a 3-year term and until the members successor is appointed, and may be elected to serve additional 3-year terms of office. Mark Adams currently serves in this position, and his 3-year term expired November 2025, however had graciously offered to remain on the board until this meeting. The remaining 6 members of the board will need to elect a 7th member who must be a resident of Auburn or Lewiston, but may not hold any public municipal office or be member of nay municipal board or committee.

February meeting; Travis is planning to be in Florida on a family vacation during our next scheduled meeting and asked if the Board was ok with him sending all the regular information, but not actually meeting next month. He doesn't anticipate any new business or items requiring action. Board was ok with no meeting, unless something comes up, and in that case they will hold the meeting in-person and Travis will call in to it..

Informational Items

Adjourn; Mike Broadbent made a motion to adjourn, Steve Ness seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attest,



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager