

**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, April 8, 2016, at 7:30 a.m. and was held at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Phil Nadeau David Jones Sid Hazelton Norm Lamie Pete Preble
Absent:	Denis D'Auteuil Mark Adams
Superintendent:	Clayton "Mac" Richardson
Assistant Superintendent:	Travis Peaslee
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfestey

Phil Nadeau called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

David Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2016 regular meeting. Norm Lamie seconded and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

David Jones made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the Anaerobic Digestion & Co-gen report separate. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

We are experiencing difficulties with burping (overflow during or shortly after feeding cycles), the thickened primary sludge and thickened waste activate sludge pumps and the flow meters used to determine how much of each we are pumping out to the digesters.

After brief discussion, David Jones made a motion to accept report, Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

Public Questions and Comments

No one from the public was present.

Review of Biosolids Programs with Casella Organics- Gene Barker and John Leslie presented a slide show on the 2015 land application season. We increased land application by 2829 cu yards over 2014.

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, David Jones made a motion to accept the financial reports. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Draft Audit Report- The Authority ended up 2015 with a surplus of \$136,796. At the year end apportionment, Lewiston had a deficit of \$19,567. If we do as has been the general practice in the past and reduce the overall revenue to erase this deficit, then we would return to the Auburn Sewerage District \$36,302 which is the appropriate adjustment factoring in the year end apportionment percentages. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with returning \$36,302 to Auburn Sewerage District. This would leave the year end surplus at about \$100,000.00. Mac suggested the Authority reserve a portion of the remaining 2015 surplus to pay for the MEPERS settlement, including agreed to lawyer's fees. The Board agreed. Plan on approving the final audit at the next meeting.

Old Business

Dewatering Equipment Replacement Project- The project is coming together well. Current schedule is to start running the screw presses next week, 4/4-4/8. As of Monday we will no longer be using the #1 belt filter press, and as startup and performance testing gets done, we will be transitioning to using only the new units.

2016 Salary Survey- The Authority only received one proposal back, Dacri and Associates did not submit. Norm Lamie made a motion to move forward with Human Resource Partners as the vendor. David Jones seconded and the motion passed. Mac will get in touch with them and refine the scope of work. They should look at Franklin NH and Merrimack, NH for facilities and also Lewiston Public Works.

River Road Landfill RFP- This request was sent to Sevee and Maher and CES in the middle of January. We received proposals from both firms. CES has proposed a fee of \$7,500.00 and SME has proposed \$4,100. The amount proposed by each is somewhat complicated by the Deed Restriction portion of the work. At a minimum, if we are not able to convince DEP that a deed restriction is not sensible until after the Lewiston landfill is no longer operating, then a survey of the property would be needed to clearly delineate what portion of the property relates to a LAWPCA deed restriction and what portion is governed by the activities of the City of Lewiston.

David Jones made a motion to proceed with Sevee and Maher. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Discussion on the new MEPDES permit and the changes it may effect with operations employees. The Board questioned if the permit change would have any effect on cost apportionment, particularly if the frequency of testing both influent flows is reduced. Travis indicated that preliminary analysis does not show any impact.

Brief discussion concerning the property line with Gendron/Easy Rental development. Will bring back for discussion at next meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned without further action.

ATTEST: 
Clayton M Richardson, Superintendent