

**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, November 8, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Sid Hazelton Norm Lamie Peter Crichton Dale Doughty Pete Preble Mark Adams
Absent:	Denis D'Auteuil
Superintendent:	Clayton Richardson
Assistant Superintendent:	Travis Peaslee
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfestey

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Minutes

Pete Preble made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2019 regular meeting. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Public Questions and Comments

Tadd Jacobs, mechanic and Warren Burnham O&M Specialist were present to express interest in setting up a sick leave donation account for Tadd. Tadd explained to Board the situation of his father being in the hospital now for several weeks due to a medical condition. Having to have meetings with the doctor and family and transporting his mother to the hospital. Mac explained to the Board the policy for donation and the lack of sick leave accrued on the books for Tadd. Tadd was given a letter of concern/warning back in the summer and due to that Mac's assessment was that Tadd's request did not meet the spirit of the donated leave policy. Tadd explained to the Board that an employee had approached him about it and was wondering if he could. Mark explained to Tadd and Warren that he wanted to see the letter, then discuss with Board and get an answer to him quickly.

Executive Session

Sid Hazelton made a motion to move to executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13: subchapter 1, Section 405 of Maine State law. Peter Crichton seconded and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Dale Doughty made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Peter Crichton seconded and the motion passed.

PFAS cost are all in residuals cost for 2019. ACA and PFAS costs are being recorded separately.

Superintendent Report

A couple of violations for high flows do to maintenance within the plant. Looking at account projection, may not finish the year with a deficit. Supplies for the SEP project are not in yet, Sid wondering if project is delayed until spring would that be harmful for LAWPCA. Suggested LAWPCA inform DEP about project possibility delayed until spring. Travis suggested that DEP was aware, but he could wait a week and then formally write to them saying delayed until spring.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Nothing new to report from the cities.

Old Business

ACA Update- We have responded to the DEP comments on the biofilter closure plan, the corrective action plan, and the environmental monitoring plan. Comments were mostly minor matters and a few clarifications. DEP wants us to place a geotextile fabric layer over the stone prior to filling in the biofilter. The cost is not large. We see little difficulty in getting approval for these plans from DEP.

PFAS and Biosolids- Nothing much new to report at this time. All of the material sent to farms has now been spread with the exception of about 1500 yards that was sent to the Barker Farm pad in Leeds. Compost sales have been granted on a case by case basis by DEP for a period which ends on June 30, 2020. We will probably be dealing with extensions of interim policies for quite a while, don't think that a practical solution that will satisfy the faction pushing for strident PFAS limits is possible.

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan: Tighe and Bond has gathered together the responses that have been agreed to by LPW, ASD and LAWPCA while leaving the two big issues-Jepson Brook and a possible storage tank at/or near structure B on the table. Dale need to work on timing of storage tank if needed at Jepson Brook.

New Business

2020 Budget-Mac and Travis submitted a draft budget for a 1% increase from 2019 budget. Revenue is up strongly due to septic. (.115/1000.) Expecting revenue from compost sales. Budget does include 2 more hires, depends on outcome for compost facility (16 employee's w/0 and 18 with). A lot of assumptions. Increases legal fees for 2020 for all the PFAS issues. Working with Barker to get new fields for spreading. Review coffee grounds to replace amendment, less cost.

A number of scenarios were discussed that affect the budget: 12 month versus 6 months for biosolids reduced cost + increase cost. Scheduled to meet on November 15th for a budget workshop.

Board Membership-Of the 7 members, 4 are set by position, Pete is able to serve as long as he and the Auburn Sewer District Board like. Norm serves at the direction of the Lewiston Mayor. Mark is the at large member who is chosen by a vote of the remainder of the Board. Norm needs to be reappointed by Mayor, so maybe in January of 2020.

Other Business

None.

Sid Hazelton made a motion to adjourn. Dale Doughty seconded and all approved.

Attest: _____
Clayton M. Richardson, Superintendent

