

**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 12 2019 at 7:30 a.m. and was held at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

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

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Minutes

Pete Preble noted a misspelling of the names Pete Preble and Sid Hazelton. Pete Preble made a motion to amend then accept the minutes of the March 8, 2019 regular meeting. Denis D’Auteuil seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Reports

There was a very brief discussion regarding whether or not the profit-loss statement was informative. Peter Crichton made a motion to approve the financial reports. Sid Hazelton seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Public Questions and Comments

There were no public questions or comments.

Casella Review of Land Application

Gene Barker and John Leslie provided an update of the LAWPCA 2018 land application program. Gene noted that with the exception of 304 cubic yards, all LAWPCA generated material was land applied. There were no incidents and all in all it was a great year. Moving in to 2019, an updated 5-year plan was developed and discussed with staff and assumes that PFAS will not inhibit land application of any site. Casella updated the board on discussions they have had with our farmers regarding PFAS and also

provided an update on how the current compost distribution moratorium was affecting their operation and potential ability to continue receiving material at their composting facility and/or state landfill.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Peter Crichton thanked Mac and Travis for making a presentation to the Auburn city council on April 1st to update them on the status of the composting facility closure and to address questions regarding PFAS. Peter thought the presentation went well. Denis D'Auteuil noted that the Lewiston council has been provided information in their council packets to update them on PFAS. Denis noted that Mac is scheduled to provide a presentation on PFAS to the council on April 16th.

Old Business

ACA Update- A revised ACA document and description of the proposed supplemental environmental (SEP) project were sent to DEP on Friday, March 15. The DEP has informed us that they anticipate a delay in reviewing that material due to staff being directed to prioritize workload on PFAS data gathering. We are working with the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission and ASD/LPW on the SEP specific and Mac believes it would make sense to ask Woodard and Curran, the current engineering firm working with the City of Auburn on MS4 projects, to further develop project scope for catch basin replacements. Mac noted that Seeve & Maher are scheduled to perform normally scheduled bi-annual sampling of the compost facility wells on April 16, 2019.

Logo and Name Update- Staff and board member input resulted in a preferred selection of "option B" of options A-D that were provided by Sebago Technics. The logo will be used to update the website, company letterheads, and wherever else the existing logo exist. Norm Lamie made a motion to accept changing the LAWPCA logo to "option B", Denis D'Auteuil seconded, all approved, and the motion passed. It was noted that the name change discussion should happen at a future time.

Authorized Signers Update- Mark Adams was added to the list of check signatories. Mark, Ralph, and Mac all signed the required bank form necessary to make this official.

New Business

PFAS and biosolids – Mac provided an update on solids disposal during the PFAS testing mandate. He noted that we updated our sampling and analytical work plan to amend it for PFAS sampling and submitted it to the DEP. The department acknowledged receipt and noted that it was very well done. Sampling was performed on our anaerobically digested solids and sent to two different labs for analysis. Once those results are received, and if the results are above chapter 418 screening values, then we will be required to sample farm fields to determine if cumulative loading calculations would allow for land application to resume. It was decided to move forward with testing of farm fields used for corn crop immediately if results do indeed come back above screening levels. Northern tilth has provided a quote to perform this work for approximately \$3,000 (included developing farm specific sampling plans. Currently there are no good back-up disposal options, therefore we really have no choice but to move forward with sampling of the corn fields.

Moving forward, Mac and Travis will start developing a hay field testing program that could be implemented if necessary. Similarly, Mac will start putting some framework to a farm well testing program in case the board wanted to pursue such testing in the future.

Mac was asked to reach out the Lewiston Auburn legislative delegation to arrange for a presentation on PFAS. It was suggested that he contact Senator Nate Libby to set a meeting up.

Mac discussed a NEBRA led effort with Stone Environmental to develop a risk model for PFAS in soils. The effort is expected to cost between \$21,000-\$28,000. Numerous facilities have contributed to this effort on the order of \$1,000-\$4,000. Mac requested that the board donate an amount towards this effort somewhere in that range. Norm Lamie made a motion to donate \$1,500 toward the Stone Environmental PFAS modeling effort. Pete Preble seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Personnel Policies Update – There was a brief discussion regarding the order of use of time on the maternity and paternity leave policy. Peter Crichton made a motion to accept the changes to the personnel policy manual. Denis D'Auteuil seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Pretreatment rules and regulations update – There was brief discussion regarding the proposed change for Civil penalties, which was the most substantive change made. It was requested that any action on this item be tabled until the May board meeting. Edwin Woods, the authority pretreatment coordinator, will provide an explanation of the civil penalty changes for the next board meeting.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

Norm Lamie made a motion to go in to Executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A). Denis D’Auteuil seconded and all approved.

ADJOURN

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Denis D’Auteuil seconded and all approved.

Attest: _____
Clayton M Richardson, Superintendent