

**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, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

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

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

Minutes

Denis D'Auteuil made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2020 regular meeting. Pete Preble seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Denis D'Auteuil seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

Norm Lamie made a motion to set Second Quarter Cost Apportionment as is, Lewiston 65%, Auburn 35%. Denis D'Auteuil seconded and the motion passed.

Superintendent Report

Biosolids dewatering and landfill schedules resulted in us hauling 91 tons of extra water to the landfills. We are trying to work with DEP to allow us to use Compost Facility long enough to have Casella use their trucks to haul. Because of the ACA, any changes need to be done through licensing. Trying to get a temporary amendment for now until DEP makes a decision.

Old Business:

Libson Property Lease- Norm Lamie, Travis and Mac met with Roger Gauthier with the idea of extinguishing the life estate on the majority of the farm property where the compost facility is located. Roger indicated he is ready to sign the one year lease extension agreement for the Libson farm. With the unknown future at the Compost Facility, Norm Lamie made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute the one year lease extension with Roger with an expiration date of March 1, 2021. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

Board suggested to bring the discussion back to the Board in October/November for next year.

New Business:

Personnel Policies- Travis and Paula have performed an annual review of the personnel policies and have provided a copy of the changes in the packet. Looking to clean up wording between the union contract and the personnel changes. It hasn't formally been reviewed. Sid Hazelton will provide Travis with a name for HR consultant to look over and review. (\$80. /hour) Board asked to have item tabled and ask for quotes for the HR Consultants.

PFAS and biosolids: (Dan Diffin, Sevee & Maher and Lisa Gilbreath, Pierce Atwood on phone for conference call): DEP was going to turn down application/license and that we should withdraw the request. Then changed their minds to say they could approve license amendment to operate three bins and to stockpile material for composting, but not for transfer to landfill or other site as land application. They are also now suggesting that we can submit an amendment to our application to propose a process that they might accept describing how we would prove to the Department that we can operate with 6 bins. (A pilot within the license)

We have asked to be able to use the compost facility to transfer dewatered biosolids to landfills, the Department has again come back with the option to add an addendum to our current application.

An abutter to the Barker Farm is now requesting that his well be tested. A family member is ill and blaming it on PFAS.

We tested his well for many years then after numerous attempts to get ahold of him, license requirements changed so that we didn't need sample anymore. Lisa is suggesting that we don't respond to him as of yet and to supply her with his petition to DEP so she can review. Send all written correspondence to her for review. Once she has, set up a conference call with the Board hopefully by end of next week.

Board requested Lisa to draft up letter to respond to DEP. It was also suggested that whatever information is shared with Lisa that it also goes to the Board members.

Board feels at this time it would be good to submit the two amendments to DEP-storage/transfer and process 6 bins.

Public Questions and Comments

Jonathan Youde, executive director of Maine Power Options was here to present the Maine Power Options proposal for off taking solar power. Derek Belanger from the City of Lewiston was present as well.

Solar Power Agreement: Travis recommended the Board approve entering into an agreement with Maine Power Options and Cenergy to purchase 70% of the treatment plant electrical power after accounting for A/D power, from solar production for \$0.069/kWh without accepting renewable energy credits.

Dale made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Maine Power Options and Cenergy conditioned upon getting a legal review of the agreement and verification of Cenergy's place in the DEP queue for approving solar installations. Norm Lamie seconded and the motion passed.

Other Business

None.

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Sid Hazelton seconded and all approved.

Attest: _____
Clayton M. Richardson, Superintendent

