

**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, January 8, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via zoom.

Directors Present:	Michael Broadbent Norm Lamie Mark Adams Dan Goyette Dale Doughty Denis D'Auteuil
Absent:	Steve Ness
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Absent

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

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2020 regular meeting. Dale Doughty seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

We are still waiting on a few bills from 2020, but accounts are looking inline and we are forecasting a pretty healthy surplus. We have our audit scheduled for the last week of February.

Dale Doughty made a motion to accept the financial reports. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Cost Apportionment for December and year-end ended up extremely close in the end and feel we are ok with where we set First Quarter at Lewiston 64% and Auburn 36%.

General Manager Report- Updated Board on the vacant position of the Lab & Process Control Supervisor. Job has been posted in several locations. Paula and Travis have split up and assumed the responsibilities until this position filled. The application deadline is January 19th.

Old Business:

ACA Update- The BEP unanimously approved the amended ACA at their December 17th meeting. Erica Kidd submitted proof of expenditure of all SEP funds on the 18th, so at this point we are all wrapped up. There are a few on-going requirements such as ground water monitoring, and biofilter inspections. Moving forward staff will report on the required annual report each December and this item will be removed from future agenda.

PFAS and Biosolids- We continue to haul material to the Compost Facility for transfer to Casella and this is still working well. We don't expect much if anything to happen between now and next spring in regard to PFAS, when the DEP anticipates compiling recent site sampling results and evaluates leaching models.

Solids dryer study still moving forward and a presentation was provided on January 6th to the biosolids subcommittee. The second of three presentations will be provided on February 5th.

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan- CDM reached out about the cost study and threw out a couple of their thoughts to gauge our reaction. Travis forwarded to interested parties and will follow up with input to CDM.

Dale recommended getting a group together to develop a scope and draft RFP for the design of the CSO storage tank. Jeff Beaulieu has been looking into different spots for siting so that alternatives are available if the LAWPCA site couldn't work. LPW and AWSO agreed to participate and support the process of bringing a team onboard.

Closed Sludge Landfill- Rob Stafford is working to reschedule a meeting with the resident that was cancelled by the residents due to the snow storm on December 17th. DEP provided a template agreement that we have modified for use. Once we meet with the residents and know that they actually want a carbon system, we can have the agreement given legal review before offering it to the residents.

Closed Sludge Landfill Ownership-

Dale is working with City staff to understand what buffer retentions, easements, or covenants may be needed. Currently, City staff is busy with a handful of other items so it may take a little bit to get this item addressed.

Auburn Property Sales Agreement- Travis and Norm have a meeting with Roger and Ginny on Monday, January 11th to answer any questions they have on the agreements.

New Business

Annual Performance report- We had a really good stretch of treatment up until the heavy rains in November and December. We have updated our operational plans, and are hopeful that with a new process control supervisor on-board we can focus back in on stellar performance for 2021 and beyond.

Sabattus Sanitary District- On December 17th there was a zoom meeting held with LPW staff, Olver Associates, Sabattus Sanitary employees and trustees, and Travis. Sabattus staff and trustees appeared interested in serious exploration and LPW reported the same. Olver followed up the meeting with a formal request to LPW staff for information needed for them to perform an alternatives cost analysis. Dale is working with his staff to get the information to them. LAWPCA has plenty of biological capacity at the facility so the real issue is how much infrastructure would need to be built/modified to handle the additional flows.

MEPDES Permit- Our permit expires in April of this year and we have been preparing our renewal application forms to submit this month. We are told the department is 6-12 months behind schedule so we anticipate operating under the existing permit for the remainder of the year. The wild cards are whether or not phosphorus limits will be applied, and what impacts would be realized by a reclassification of our stretch of the Androscoggin. (Lisbon, Brunswick, and LAWPCA would be impacted, along with some others upstream).

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn, Dale Doughty seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest:


Travis B Peaslee, General Manager