

**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, October 11, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St., Lewiston.

Directors Present: Sid Hazelton
Norm Lamie
Peter Crichton
Denis D'Auteuil
Dale Doughty
Pete Preble

Absent: Mark Adams

Superintendent: Clayton Richardson

Assistant Superintendent: Travis Peaslee

Secretary: Candace Taylor

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfestey

Mark Adams was absent, Norm Lamie called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular meeting. Pete Preble seconded, all approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Peter Crichton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Pete Preble seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Quick review of the spreadsheet that Travis put together. Predicting about a bottom line of \$50,000 or so deficit at year-end. Any over expenditures could be funded from the Reserve for Replacement account without charging back to either City.

Looking at around 1% budget increase for 2020. Operational costs at Compost Facility are expected to be down drastically as compared to past years. Lower Electrical cost, Chemical etc. Continuing the way we have been, budget of 1% increase would work.

Meet with DEP (Jim Pollock) at the Compost Facility and they were very comfortable with current situation running. Talked about allowing to run after pilot. Little to no odor in the finished material. Dale Doughty mentioned that he'd be interested in a tour at the facility.

Pete Preble made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Sid Hazelton seconded and the motion passed.

Public Questions and Comments

There were no public questions or comments.

Superintendent Report

We are under contract with Maine Power Options for purchase of the supply portion of power at the Lincoln Street plant through November 1, 2020. Have been advised that it is a good time for LAWPCA to lock in power purchase for the next few years due to many region wide factors. Our current rate is 5.558 cents per kilowatt hour. We received a quote from Patriot Energy group at 5.476 cents per kilowatt hour and from Maine Power Options for 5.369 cents per kilowatt hour. Locking in pricing with Maine Power Options looks best for November 2020-2023.

Safety Works, a program offered by the Maine Department of Labor to allow a review of safety compliance without penalties, has informed us that we need to upgrade hand rails in a number of areas of the plant to meet current requirements and we need to add handrails around the chlorine contact chamber. Our current plan is to complete the upgrades in 2020 and just put up signage in the designated areas for this year.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Sid Hazelton said they are working on the calendar year budget for 2020. A few items of interest: Still working on CSO, replacing pump stations on Merrill Rd, abandoned one by the old green turtle, and supplies for the SEP still have not been received.

Nothing new to report from Lewiston.

Old Business

ACA Update- Corrective action plan, biofilter closure plan and revised sampling and analytical plan are being reviewed by DEP. Check and confirm with DEP that we have done everything we need to at this point. Depending on a number of factors, when we actually get approval from DEP, contractor schedules and availability, the degree to which we need to follow a formal bid and award process, there is still a slim chance we could be capping the biofilter before end of the year. The quicker we can cap, the quicker we can reduce testing cost and lower cost of budget. Need to get quick numbers so we can try and get it done in November before it's too late. Board feels LAWPCA should be getting the bids out sooner than later.

PFAS and Biosolids- The pilot composting project seems to be going extremely well. DEP has only given compost with levels of POFA and PFOS above the chapter 418 screening standard of a combined 7.7 parts per billion a one-year approval to sell/distribute compost (and we will have to test our compost for PFAS). Met with MB Bark at the facility on Tuesday and the feedback received was that the compost we are currently producing is excellent from an appearance and odor point of view. Waiting on the 30 day testing period, to be able to test for PFAS, then possibly selling to bigger "wholesale" customers.

MainePers- After receiving the employee contributions that were taken in error over the years, Employee wanted to receive the interested earned on that money as well. We finally have the estimate of interest from Maine PERS which Mac emailed the letter to the Board. Mac feels we should reimburse all three involved.

Peter Crichton made a motion to reimburse all three employees. Denis D'Auteuil seconded and the motion passed. Should also have a letter stating this is a full payment payout, settles the issue and brings it to an end and have the employees sign it.

CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan: Response to the DEP comments on the submitted CSO master plan report was received from Tighe and Bond. Letter is a draft and the Board members are encourage to read it. Item #8, talking about a surcharge, seems like some language needs to be cleaned up. Need to attack the last 4/5 items, then meet with DEP. Amend afterwards.

Peter Crichton made a motion to accept Tighe and Bond contract amendment for CSO Master plan. Dale Doughty seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

2020 Budget workshop, just plan on a longer meeting on the 8th, then have the 15th as a back-up if needed.

Other Business

None.

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

Attest: _____
Clayton M. Richardson, Superintendent