

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 July 9, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln Street Lewiston.

Directors Present:	Sid Hazelton Norm Lamie Mark Adams Dan Goyette (remote) Mary Ann Brenchick Jeff Beaulé
Absent:	Steve Ness Ralph Lenfestey
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Absent

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Minutes

Sid Hazelton made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2021 regular meeting. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Travis Peaslee reported that Lima Company will be back on site on Monday to finish start-up on both units.

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, Norm Lamie made a motion to accept them, Mary Ann Brenchick seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Travis updated the Board about the CD at Mechanic Savings that is maturing on July 15th. There is a little over \$256,000 in that CD. Since the CD rates are incredibly low right now and in the .25-.30% range for 1–2-year CD's and LAWPCA is currently receiving .40% on the ICS checking account, recommendation would be not to roll over the CD but instead move those funds to the ICS checking account. Ralph and Travis will continue to watch the market and when conditions change, will approach the Board with another investment recommendation.

2020 Draft Audit

Norm Lamie made a motion to table until the August meeting. Mary Ann Brechick seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

General Manager Report

Travis suggested doing up a draft policy for future remote meetings for the August Meeting and the Board agreed.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Sid Hazleton reported they were close to closing off CSO#5, Though they still need a a thoroughly cleaning of the interceptor.

Mary Ann Brechick updated the Board on the Sabattus wastewater facility wanting to combine flow with Lewiston. Will be on the agenda for the Council meeting in July and she will follow up with The LAWPCA Board.

Old Business

Biosolids & P FAS Management:

Gene Barker and Jeff McBurnie from Casella were present to answer questions on both the PFAS & Land Application topics. Travis and Gene developed and distributed land application PFAS fact sheets to the Farms that either have already or plan to receive material this year. The fact sheet was signed off on by all those Farms. The Board feels comfortable at this time to proceed with land application at the Lisbon farm and monitor the PFAS situation month to month going forward.

CSO Update:

CDM Smith sent along their final memo on April 6th highlighting their recommended method for allocating the CSO tank cost based on a wet weather flow only model. Sid and Dan communicated the memo recommendations with their respective entities. Dale and/or Denis either have or will soon be discussing with Lewiston Council. If everyone is ok with the approach, I will bring the final memo/recommendation back to the LAWPCA Board in August for consideration of cost model acceptance. I don't anticipate related expense until late Summer or early Fall so we have time to get this settled and I want to make sure everyone is comfortable before proceeding. Mary Ann mentioned it was discussed at Council Meeting with very little comment.

On tank funding, it sounds like the City of Lewiston received federal funds for a substantial portion of their tank cost share. Auburn did not receive similar funds, and not sure about round 2 of the stimulus.

As far as the tank conceptual design, I have included in the packet the subcommittee recommendation of award.

Norm Lamie made a motion to award the CSO tank siting analysis and conceptual design to Woodard & Curran for a not to exceed amount of \$186,200.00. Mary Ann seconded. Five were in favor and 1 abstained. (Mark Adams)

Closed Landfill Ownership: Travis Peaslee reported that the landfill is waiting for a new Superintendent and this will be addressed after that position is filled, likely in late fall.

New Business

Dryer project site survey: A site survey is needed for the solids dryer 30% design and this was not included in the Brown & Caldwell scope of work. An RFP was sent to the three local surveyors that BC works with for topo existing conditions plans, site survey control, base mapping, and supplemental utility base map.

The Board feels that Brown & Caldwell should be in charge of this work and contract directly with the surveyor and charge us accordingly.

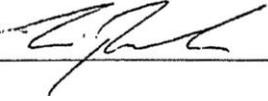
Bar screen Project-We have our two Bar Screens slotted for replacement in 2022. Travis has this project estimated to be around \$750,000. Travis has been in discussions with 4-5 vendors and solicited budget proposals. He is working through those, getting questions answered, doing reference checks, and plans to eventually write a formal RFP. Recently we have experienced some mechanical issues with one of the screens and Travis feels that due to the criticality of this equipment that we should consider moving that project along a little quicker than originally planned. The equipment has a 4–5-month lead time so we would still be looking at a 22' install, just earlier on in the year. His thought is that we would take out an SRF loan and direct purchase the equipment and then put the install out for bid. Travis could use some engineering assistance and would like to get one on board for this project and task order out the needed pieces. Given their familiarity with our facility and their understanding and willingness to work “as-needed”, He would like to use Wright Pierce for this project. Travis anticipates funding the engineering from the reserve for replacement account. Additionally, He would like to file a notice of intent to borrow to the DEP. This does not obligate us to anything and really is just a courtesy. For August, He will provide the Board with more project details and request a vote to approve application to the Bond bank for a loan as well as getting bond counsel.

Norm Lamie made a motion to move forward with Wright Pierce for engineering and to proceed with submission of a Notice of Intent to Borrow to the DEP. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn, Mary Ann seconded.

Attest



Travis B Peaslee, General Manager