

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, 11 2022 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St. Lewiston.

Directors Present:           Mark Adams  
                                      Norm Lamie  
                                      Dan Goyette  
                                      Jeff Beaulé  
                                      Sid Hazelton  
                                      Mary Ann Brenchick  
                                      Steve Ness

Directors Absent:           none

General Manager:           Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary:                   Paula Drouin

Treasurer:                  Ralph Lenfesty

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Minutes

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2022, regular meeting. Sid Hazelton seconded. All approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Financial Reports

Travis Peaslee gave a brief overview of the financials. Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the financial reports. Dan Goyette seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

There was a brief discussion on cost apportionment, no changes were made.

Annual Investment Report – Ralph Lenfesty reviewed the annual investment report based on 2021 financials.

Public Comment - None

## General Manager's Report

Industrial Pretreatment Audit – Travis Peaslee reported that the DEP was onsite last week performing an audit of our industrial pretreatment program. Verbally, the response was good and there were no concerns with the program. A written report may follow.

Sabattus Capacity Letter – Travis Peaslee reported that he sent a letter to Tighe & Bond confirming that LAWPCA has capacity for the additional flow and loading from Sabattus.

Androscoggin Re-classification – Travis Peaslee reported that LD 1964 is only looking at the stretch of the Androscoggin from Worumbo Dam down to Merrymeeting Bay to be reclassified to class B waters. It will not aim to reclassify Gulf Island down to Worumbo, though legislation looking to reclassify this stretch in the future is likely.

## Old Business

Biosolids Report – Travis Peaslee summarized what the biosolids subcommittee has been working on. The largest piece that needs to be understood (and is on the DEP's radar) is what levels of PFAS are present in the exhaust air. The two dryer companies are doing mass balance testing to understand how much PFAS is in the water and how much is in the dried sludge, then will calculate how much would have left in the exhaust air. SUEZ was on site this week to grab samples so there will hopefully be more information on this in the next couple of months. Current legislation regarding PFAS, including effects on landfill market, are also unknown variables. There have also been discussions about possibly installing regional solids dryers.

Travis Peaslee reported that he worked with MEWEA to develop and submit a request for amendments to LD1911. Within the amendment request, they asked that the emergency preamble be removed, that the \$10/ton fee be repealed, and that a sludge and septage disposal task force be established. Future work session dates are not currently known, however, the list of amendments that the ENR chair plans to present includes: remove emergency; exclude prohibition of non-sewerage residual land application and composting; repeal \$10/ton fee; no municipal impact fund.

CSO Tank Project – Travis Peaslee reported that the surveyors were here last week and will return after the snow melts. There have not been any more details on treatment plant and collection system optimizations provided. Travis gave a draft funding MOU to the board last month and once board feedback is received, it can be finalized and board-approved. Each city will give Travis their rate information and he will get the SRF application in to DEP before the 3/18 deadline.

Closed Sludge Landfill – Travis Peaslee reported that the survey is done and CMA will discuss proposed subdivision and that info will be brought back to the board for further discussion. There is a meeting next Wednesday with CMA to discuss all of this.

Bar Screen Project – Travis Peaslee reported that the equipment is being made now and the manufacturer will keep it on site until LAWPCA is ready to receive them. Wright-Pierce has provided 90% design and Travis has provided comments back to them. They should be able to wrap up final design quickly and Travis will get installation bid requests out.

## New Business

DOL closeout meeting – Travis Peaslee reported that LAWPCA will receive a minor general duty citation but has not received the official paperwork yet so it is uncertain whether there will be any financial penalties. Once received, there is 15 days to respond. Administratively, Travis developed a policy to prevent this type of improper tool use in the future and distributed to all staff. Additional tools have been purchased.

Treatment Plant Incoming Power – Travis Peaslee reported that last month one leg of LAWPCA's incoming power feed shorted out and caused the plant to operate on stand-by generator for half of a day. After inspection and discussion, CMP is willing to relocate the pole and put in a vaulted transformer if LAWPCA can wire from the secondary back in to the main switch gear. This will result in a short minimized stretch underground. Travis will price out the project and bring the information back to the board. CMP's timeline is mid to late summer. The board asked if there is the potential grant funding for this or the possibility of rolling the cost into CSO tank project. Travis noted these questions and both will be looked into.

Androscoggin County Emergency Management Agency Grant – Travis Peaslee reported that LAWPCA is working with EMA to receive grant funding to automate the front entrance gate. LAWPCA was verbally told that a grant in the amount of \$10,000 could be awarded towards such a project if LAWPCA agreed to pay for any cost above and beyond that. They were informed that LAWPCA would like to be awarded the grant money and would cover the additional funds if necessary (the 2022 budget includes some funds for a gate modification). At this point staff is working with gate vendors to solicit pricing and will eventually bring that information back to the EMA and the Board for any formal decisions.

LAWPCA Branding – Travis Peaslee reported that he and Paula Drouin had a kick-off/discovery meeting with Pivotol last week. They will continue to work with them and will report back to the board as soon as more information is available.

## Informational Items

Board Room – The board will start meeting in the downstairs board room again next month.

April Board meeting – Due to inability to have a quorum, the April Board meeting was moved from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. The LAWPCA website has been updated to reflect the change.

Adjourn – Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Beaulé seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager