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 9, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln Street Lewiston.

Directors Present:

Sid Hazelton

Norm Lamie Mark Adams Denis D' Auteuil Dan Goyette Dale Doughty

Absent:

Steve Ness

Interim Superintendent:

Travis Peaslee

Assistant Superintendent:

N/A

Secretary:

Paula Drouin

Treasurer:

Ralph Lenfestey (not present)

Mark Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

Norm Lamie made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2020 regular meeting. Dan Goyette seconded. Dale Doughty abstained due to not being present at the meeting, all others approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Reports

After a quick review of the financial reports, Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Norm Lamie seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept Cost Apportionment. Dale Doughty seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Goodenow Award: Travis reported that at the Maine Water Environment Association virtual fall convention, LAWPCA was presented with the Goodenow Award "in recognition of excellence in operations and the maintenance of a Wastewater Treatment Facility and to the protection of water quality in Maine". A press release will be sent to the Sun Journal.

Old Business

ACA Update: Travis reported that the amended ACA is signed and making its way to the BEP for approval. ASD should be performing the SEP work and will be responsible to report to the DEP once complete. The biofilter was bush hogged last month and the required inspection was performed.

Biosolids & PFAS Management:

Travis reported that the RFP for a biosolids dryer feasibility study was recently sent out to NORESCO, Wright Pierce, Tighe & Bond, and Brown & Caldwell. Proposals are due back on November 6th.

Digested solids were sent to the Shincci dryer in Hooksett, NH recently to have it run through the unit there. RMI brought the dried product back and a sample was provided to the Board.

Travis presented the proposed updates to the Compost Facility agreements to the Auburn Planning Board on September 15th. After discussion and public comment a few follow-up items were requested and the issue was tabled until the October 13th meeting, which he plans to attend.

Travis recently spoke with the DEP and they reported that they have nothing new to report on the PFAS front. They are waiting until additional groundwater samples are run in early-mid 2021 to assess their leaching models and soil screening standards.

<u>CSO-Clean Water Act Master Plan</u>: Travis reported that the addendum to the CSO master plan was submitted to the DEP last week.

<u>Cost Apportionment RFP</u>: Travis reported that the four proposals received were evaluated by Norm, Jeff Beaule, and himself and the assessment was approved by Sid. Norm Lamie made a motion to award the CSO storage tank cost apportionment study to CDM for a cost of \$24,000. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

<u>Closed Sludge Landfill:</u> LAWPCA staff sampled the outdoor spigot at 463 River road on August, 21 for PFAS and got a combined PFAS result below the current EPA health advisory of 70 PPT. The DEP intends to re-test within the next couple weeks with LAWPCA staff present to get verification of the results.

<u>Treatment Plant Paving:</u> Travis reported that Glidden paving is expected to begin paving the week of October 12th. He has a meeting with them today to discuss logistics.

New Business

<u>Well test request</u>: During the September 15th Auburn planning board meeting, public comment was made by an abutter to the Compost Facility. He requested that the Authority test his well. Travis spoke with the property owner and informed him that the request would be brought to the board. Travis will respond in writing to the property owner that the Authority will not test the requested well.

<u>Pandemic Plan:</u> LAWPCA is currently reviewing and revising their pandemic plan to take into consideration new information being distributed from the Governor's office.

Executive Session

Dale Doughty made a motion to enter Executive session. Dan Goyette seconded, all approved, and the motion passed. Norm Lamie made a motion to come out of Executive session, seconded by Dan Goyette, all approved, and the motion passed.

Other Business

General Manager Appointment: Norm Lamie made a motion to appoint Travis Peaslee as General Manager of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority. In this role, the General Manager shall also serve as Superintendent of the Authority assuming all duties and authorities as provided for by the Authority's Charter, Bylaws and policies. Further, to authorize the Chair to sign an employment agreement with Mr. Peaslee. Denis D'Auteil seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

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

Attest:

Travis B Peaslee, General Manager