

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 Oct 8, 2021 at 7:31 a.m.

Directors Present:	Norm Lamie Mary Ann Brenchick Steve Ness Jeff Beaulé Dan Goyette Mike Broadbent
Directors Absent:	Mark Adams
General Manager:	Travis Peaslee
Assistant General Manager:	Paula Drouin
Secretary:	Candace Taylor
Treasurer:	Ralph Lenfenstey

Norm Lamie called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Minutes

Mary Ann Brenchick made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2021 regular meeting with the amendment of adding Ralph Lenfenstey as being present. Jeff Beaulé seconded, all others 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

All reports are in order, other than the few that Travis noted lately related to electrical usage and loss of electrical generation revenue due to the cogen failures. Accounts are tracking pretty well and most are at or slightly under budget at this point.

Dan Goyette made a motion to accept the financial reports. Mary Ann Brenchick seconded and all approved and the motion passed.

2022 Budget Meeting

We are working to have a draft available at the end of this month. As Travis did last year, he will provide a word document summary of the budget to help streamline the meeting/presentation process. Having it ready for the November Board meeting to present, would work for the Board members instead of setting a budget meeting date.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS: Travis continues to work with Brown & Caldwell on hydronic needs, site layout, Cogen integration. Travis and Staff have provided feedback on preferred building configuration and loadout bay location which he hopes shrinks the building size and cost. At this point, we have focused in on Huber and Suez as the preferred indirect heat dryer manufacturers. There are on-going discussions with Shinnci, however significant quality concerns continue to present themselves. The unfortunate news is that we are getting word of dryer cost increasing 50+%. We have a meeting with our project manager next week, to discuss this in more detail, but at this point it is what it is and the project cost will have to be calculated as is. The 30% design is expected somewhere around the end of the year.

At this point we are not on-track to have a project completed by the time our landfill agreement expires with Casella. Travis has had multiple meetings with their staff to discuss an extension and was told that he should see a draft 1-year extension soon that would get us to the end of 2023. This will provide the necessary breathing room so that we can digest the 30% design report and decide the appropriate path forward.

Last month Travis noted that recent legislation, LD 1600, prohibits us from surrendering the 10+ licenses we wish to. He has spoken with numerous DEP staff who all acknowledge that this prohibition doesn't make a whole lot of sense, and noted they are discussing internally how to handle. Travis proposed only charging us \$1/year on all the licenses we wish to surrender and was told they would take it under consideration. Travis anticipates hearing back within a few weeks.

Travis is part of a group representing MEWEA that has been and continues to have scheduled meetings with DEP regarding PFAS. On the call last week, DEP informed us that they are nearly complete with their prioritized land application sampling plan and hope to implement soon. This work is to be completed over the next two years. They are using the interim standard of 20 PPT for a combined 6 compounds to determine if a site has been impacted. If impacted, they will be providing safe drinking water in the form of bottles or activated carbon systems. They plan to pay for the remediation of these sites through the use of the \$10/ton fee that was also included in LD 1600, scheduled to take effect January 2023.

Travis received a DEP letter informing us of a requirement to sample landfill leachate starting this fall and then continuing through the spring and fall of 2022 and 2023. There are no standards for this material, however the legislature requested that the DEP gather this information and provide it as part of a required report. We will take our first required sample in a couple of weeks while we are also in the area taking our required annual sample of the River road residence.

EPA released draft method 1633 to test for 40 compounds in wastewater, surface water, groundwater, soils, biosolids, sediment, landfill leachate, and fish tissue. This has been a long time coming and should help make all the data we obtain moving forward more defensible

CSO Update:

Things are slower than desired on the project front as Woodard & Curran is having difficulty getting the same result (2.3 MG) that Tighe & Bond did in their model. Jeff and Travis had a call with Tighe & Bond which resulted in a memo clarifying a couple model discrepancies that we were hopeful would address all concerns. There was a follow up call between the Woodard & Curran and Tighe & Bond modelers to discuss model inputs and assumptions. At this point we are waiting to hear whether or not Woodard & Curran gets and accepts the same output so that they can then move forward with evaluating system optimization.

Ralph and Travis spoke recently regarding tank funding. He believes it is Lewiston's intention to provide \$9,500,000 from their ARPA allocation (must be spent by 2026) and then bond the remainder to cover their portion of the tank design and construction cost. Due to these unique circumstances, and to be able to accomplish what he explained, Travis believes we would need to use a cost model other than the CDM Smith one just approved. The incremental wet flow basis for determining cost could still work, however the use of a 3-year rolling average to determine annual assessment wouldn't. We would likely need to agree on a time period to run the model on and then set the total cost %'s in order for Lewiston to know what amount of money to pay. If this indeed is the path the entities choose to go, it may make sense for Auburn to just bond its portion as well. Lewiston is required to make a bond greater than \$8 million a referendum vote, but if the total project was \$25 million or less and Lewiston remained at 70%, this wouldn't be an issue. There may be ways to continue with LAWPCA bonding and using the CDM model by "Crediting" Lewiston along the way, but this obviously gets a little clunky. Until this can be discussed and settled, Travis has asked CDM Smith to put on hold the work associated with developing a calculator tool for staff to use for the annual assessments until we decide whether or not this would be needed.

Auburn Sewer District will discuss with trustees the possibility of agreeing to a percentage and/or directly funding their portion. Travis will discuss with DEP staff about future ARPA grants.

Closed Landfill Ownership:

Solid waste superintendent John Kuchinski received a scope of work from CMA engineers under the Lewiston master services agreement to perform a boundary survey of the entire landfill parcel. The survey would include deed research, review of city files for existing infrastructure, reconnaissance of the property, field work, locating monitoring wells and manholes, analysis of the deed and field information, setting of any necessary pins, and preparing a plan. Titcomb Associates would perform this work as a sub to CMA. An additional task within the scope would be to evaluate site conditions and staff input to determine location for a property subdivision. As part of this task, CMA would be evaluating regulations and permitting documents for both entities. Identification of required right of ways or easements would be determined and a summarized letter report would be provided accompanying the property survey. The work would not include drafting of legal descriptions, deeds, right of ways/easement, or actual subdivision documents but this could all be done in a subsequent task order once the first two task are completed and agreed upon. The cost to perform the above work is \$26,500, and the work is to be completed by the end of December 2021. John and Travis discussed this scope and agree with the proposed path forward to resolve this issue. Travis's recommendation is that the Board approve CMA engineers provide a property survey of the solid waste landfill, which the LAWPCA closed sludge landfill is sited within, and also provide an evaluation and recommendation for property subdivision, for \$26,500. He also recommended this work, and all subsequent related work on this project, be funded from the reserve for replacement account.

Dan Goyette made a motion to approve CMA engineers providing a property survey of the solids waste landfill, which the LAWPCA closed sludge landfill is sited within, and also providing an evaluation and recommendation for property subdivision for \$26,500. And for the project to be funded from the reserve for replacement account.

Sabattus connection: Sabattus sanitary district approved funding to have Tighe & Bond perform a connection feasibility study. There were no dates specified, but it sounds like the next step is to hold an initial workshop

for stakeholders to discuss the study's scope and desired outcomes of mutual interest. An outcome of this study would be a draft intermunicipal agreement.

Bar Screen Project: We have been working closely with Wright Pierce on design and development of the pre-selection package. We were able to work in a few design improvements to help with redundancy such as two separate power feeds, two control panels, logic to run in the event of control failure, and removable bar rack sections. Response is due back by October 25, so that we can have a recommendation of award ready for the November board meeting. Travis stated the loan application for this project is on the MMBB October agenda.

Auburn Properties: Roger called and informed Travis that he will be ready for property closings any time after December 15th. We haven't had the property surveyed yet, but once that is done, Travis will be in touch with Ron Bissonnette to make sure everything is in order and ready

Septic program changes: Attached in the packet are draft changes to the septic rules and regulations. We have provided the required public notice of these changes and have also provided all septic haulers with a copy and summary of changes document. There were a few clarifying questions that we answered and no noted concerns Travis was made aware of. There were some concerns/questions about receiving hours, however these are not specified within these rules so we will address this with the haulers. At this point, Travis recommends that the Board "approve the updated Septic rules and regulations and make effective January 1, 2022".

Dan Goyette made a motion to approve the updated Septic Rules and regulations and make the effective date January 1, 2022. Mary Anne Brenchick seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed.

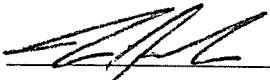
New Business

No new business to report.

Adjourn

Dan Goyette made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Beaulé seconded, all approved and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager