

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
February 9, at 7:30 a.m. at the Authority offices at 535 Lincoln St Lewiston

Directors Present: Norm Lamie
 Dan Goyette
 Kevin Gagne
 Steve Ness
 Mike Broadbent
 Jeff Beaulé

Directors Absent: Mark Adams

General Manager: Travis Peaslee

Assistant General Manager: Paula Drouin

Secretary: Paula Drouin

Treasurer: Ralph Lenfesty

Dan Goyette called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Steve Ness made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2024, meeting. Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

Financial Reports: Travis Peaslee reviewed the financial reports. Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mike Broadbent seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Cost Apportionment: Travis Peaslee reported that split sampling for Auburn will continue. Cost apportionment will remain at 62% Lewiston /38% Auburn.

Investment Report: Ralph Lenfesty reviewed the investment report and recommends no investment changes due to future CSO funding needs. Norm Lamie made a motion to accept, Steve Ness seconded, all others were in approval, and the motion passed.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present, and no public comments were received.

Report from Cities/Sewer Districts

Mike Broadbent reported that Auburn will be relining a couple of streets and there will be extensive repaving and manhole adjustments. The Miller Street inflow investigation is out to bid, and contractor bids should be submitted by the end of the month.

Jeff Beaulé reported that Lewiston is still waiting for bid submittals for relining ~ 35,000 ft.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that the facility produced 789 yards of material in January, with all being delivered directly to the Hartland landfill.

Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation: Travis Peaslee reported that things are operating ok at the digestion complex, that both co-generation units are operational, and decent amounts of gas and power are being produced, but a more stable supply of feedstock could optimize operations.

Septic Receiving: Travis Peaslee reported that 189,250 gallons of septic were discharged at the facility in January, which is 117,000 gallons or \$16,380 more than budgeted.

Effluent Quality: Travis Peaslee reported that effluent continues to look good. There were two large influent bypass events, zero effluent violations, no use the secondary bypass, and roughly 378 million gallons were treated.

Old Business

Biosolids & PFAS: Travis Peaslee reported that staff are still working on biosolids handling trials to improve solids thickening, pumping, feedstock addition, and reduced pump wear.

Travis Peaslee reported that SME had drafted an application for submission to the DEP for approval of accepting biosolids on an emergency basis to the Lewiston landfill; however, the departure of Mary Ann has slowed progress.

Travis Peaslee reported that the annual compost facility report was submitted last month, and staff are awaiting a response from the DEP on the request for successful corrective action. He is currently awaiting their response for a meeting. Successful corrective action should provide definition (from DEP) that would better help the Authority understand what the future of environmental control on the property might be.

Travis Peaslee reported that phase two of the volunteer PFAS sampling program, which involved sampling in the collection system and industrial users, is now complete. The results will be compiled as soon as they are available, hopefully within the next month.

Travis Peaslee reported that he signed the LOI with Waste Management and continues to negotiate with the Hartland Landfill on a long-term agreement. The Waste Management LOI states that they will provide full agreement terms within the next 60 days, and that the Authority

will make a final decision within the next 5 months. Travis reported that Casella should be proving an emergency agreement, but it has not been received yet.

CSO Project: Travis Peaslee reported that all approvals are in place, and that he is working with a lawyer on two final contract term items: design liability insurance and consequential damage coverage. After a brief discussion, Norm Lamie made a motion to “accept the proposed insurance levels made by Sargent Corporation for design liability insurance and consequential damage coverage”, Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Travis reported there was a meeting about the generator and one of two options is being assessed: whether a smaller generator that could service the CSO facilities and serve as a back-up to the existing unit, or one larger generator that could service the current plant and future CSO facilities. Travis reported that the Sebago/AECOM team are working with the pump vendor on getting them the motor specification information needed for the raw sewerage pumps, at which point the design will move forward. Travis reported that process control equipment installation will likely be done in the spring by EII.

Branding/Name Change: Travis Peaslee reported that staff continues to work with Black Fly Media on the branding video. Marquis Sign will be onsite in the next couple of weeks to assess the new building signage area above the front walkway. We also continue to work on other recommended items, including the 50th anniversary and name change items.

Compost Facility Use: Travis Peaslee reported that he met with a couple Auburn officials last month at the site, and a couple small items (remaining section of sprinkler piping needs removal, broken emergency exit light) were identified and are being addressed by staff. Once completed, it appears all use concerns will have been alleviated, so LPW storage until spring is anticipated. Travis presented and reviewed a draft timeline of actions for the compost facility. There was discussion about putting a sub-committee together to work on this.

New Business

Travis Peaslee reported that the annual CSO report was submitted to the state. Travis presented and reviewed an activity summary report.

Travis Peaslee presented and reviewed the 2023 annual treatment plant performance summary report.

Travis Peaslee presented and reviewed the 2023 utility consumption graphs for both water and gas.

Travis Peaslee presented and reviewed the 2023 electrical usage. Travis also reported on digestion capacity, operational history, material management plans, and efforts to better utilize the infrastructure that could help achieve (or get close to) net zero energy.

Informational Items

Travis Peaslee reported that he was invited to participate on the Maine Climate Council Materials Management Task Force, who are required to provide a report to the Governor's Climate Council in June.

Clean water workforce article(s): Travis Peaslee reported that he was quoted in a press release on work he did to get Veteran's automatic related work experience towards operator certification and that he had an interview on February 8 with Water World and Wastewater Digest for future articles.

Insurance renewal: Travis Peaslee reported that insurance quotes have not been received yet, but it is anticipated that property insurance will be renewed before March 1st with the same blanket level of coverage as last year.

Adjourn

Mike Broadbent made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 a.m., Steve Ness seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest



Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager