

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
March 8, 2024 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
 Mark Adams

Directors Absent: Jeff Beaulé

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.

Mike Broadbent made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting. Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the minutes were placed on file.

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

Cost Apportionment: Travis Peaslee reported that the month was dry, and loadings were closer to historical figures. Mike Broadbent made a “**motion to set second quarter apportionment at Lewiston 64% and Auburn 36%**”. Mark Adams seconded, all others approved, 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 AWSD is meeting with firms about the Miller St. and surrounding area I/I study. They will be looking to inspect the triple barrel syphon under the river and interceptor upstream from that, likely this summer during dry weather. Mike also reported that in conjunction with the extensive paving that will be happening, AWSD will be surveying ~250 manholes.

Kevin Gagne reported that he is now the official Public Works Director for Lewiston. Kevin reported that the city submitted their CSO report on time. The Water St. air gap seems to be mostly adequate, but not during extended flows like seen in December so they will be looking to install a check valve on that outfall. The city is also planning to inspect CSO regulators more frequently due to them finding an obstruction in one of them.

General Manager Report

Biosolids Deliveries: Travis Peaslee reported that the facility produced 610 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 no influent bypass events, zero effluent violations, no use of the secondary bypass, and roughly 241 million gallons were treated.

Norm Lamie made a motion to approve the operations reports, Steve Ness seconded, all others approved, and the reports were placed on file.

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 a meeting is scheduled with the DEP on March 22nd to discuss the Authority's request, as supported by SME, for successful corrective action with the biofilter. 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 and the results available.

Travis Peaslee reported that he signed the LOI with Waste Management and there is a meeting on March 7 to negotiate terms. Efforts to negotiate with Hartland on a long-term agreement continue, as do efforts to negotiate an emergency back-up agreement with Casella.

CSO Project: Travis Peaslee reported that legal terms were agreed upon; however, the 90-day execution deadline wasn't met, so Davis Bacon wages will need to be used. Sargent is incorporating the final changes, and it will then be reviewed before seeking legal signature. Travis reported on construction services options. After discussion, Norm Lamie made **“a motion to award Sebago Technics a time and materials not to exceed amount of \$984,513.76 for CSO tank project construction services.”** Steve Ness seconded. Mark Adams abstained, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Travis Peaslee reported that there was a design meeting with the Sebago/AECOM team on March 7th, and it is anticipated that design will be completed late March or early April, quickly followed by advertising the project and determining award by June or July, which would meet the commitment deadline for ARPA funds. Travis reported the process instrumentation part of the projects remains on track, with installation planned to begin the second week of April. Travis gave a review of the total project budget estimation.

Branding/Name Change: Travis Peaslee reported that staff continue to work with Black Fly Media on the branding video and staff continue to work on other tasks related to branding and facility name change/50th anniversary.

Compost Facility Use: Travis Peaslee reported that he continues to have conversations with wood pellet company and has a meeting with the DEP later in the month.

New Business

Procurement Recommendation: Travis Peaslee discussed installation of plastic can liners for the facility's four solids roll-off cans and purchase of a small tractor. These purchases would be made with funds obtained from the sale of the compost facility 2010 John Deere loader (currently out to bid). Norm Lamie made a “motion to approve the award of supply and installation of (4) four 30-yard solids handling can liners, to American Canvas for an amount of \$15,000 to be funded from the 2024 vehicles account”, Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved, and the motion passed.

Schemengee's property: Travis Peaslee reported that the property owner is interested in leasing, and not selling, at this time.

EMA grant/security gate project: Travis Peaslee reported that the Authority was awarded a \$10,000 EMA grant in 2022 that was intended to install an electrically controlled front access gate. The timing and incorporation of the gate in to the CSO project is making use of the grant challenging. Staff are currently attempting to reallocate those funds for fencing repair and extension between Authority property and the Gendron self-storage unit.

CWSRF Project Solicitation: Travis Peaslee reported that the DEP will be soliciting projects in early March, with applications due by April 8th. As part of that, they are offering up to \$25,000 of no match required funds towards the development of a Climate Adaptation Plan.

Informational Items

Renewable Energy Credits: Travis Peaslee reported that renewable energy credits (RECs) produced in 2025 and 2026 (estimated at 1400-1500) will be sold for \$38/REC, which is higher than the \$20-25 received in the past two years.

Norm Lamie made a “motion to approve the sale of RECs to Green Energy Consumers Alliance, Inc. for \$38/REC”, Kevin Gagne seconded, all others approved and the motion passed.

Adjourn

Norm Lamie made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 a.m., Kevin Gagne seconded, all approved, and the motion passed.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Peaslee', written in a cursive style.

Travis B. Peaslee, General Manager