

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

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Regular meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District will be held in-person at the Auburn Sewerage District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025.
2. Financial Report Update - **Mike Bailey**
3. Open Session / Public Comment.
4. Activity Report/Project Update - **Matt Waite**
5. New Business
 - 2013 Vactor Truck.
 - 2026 Inflow and Infiltration Study.
 - AWSO Legal Representation.
6. LACWA Apportionment & Financials
7. Old Business
 - SCADA Agreements.
 - District Goals.
 - Trustee Status Update.
8. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Upcoming: Sewer Trustee Meeting July 15, 2025.

A true record:

Attest: 
Michael Bailey, Clerk

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The regular meeting of the trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held in person at the Auburn Sewerage District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday June 17th, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Members present: Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer), Denis Bergeron, Stephen Ness (President), Patrick DeFilipp and Stephen Milks. (Mayor's Representative) **Also Present:** Michael Broadbent (Superintendent), Matt Waite (Assistant Superintendent), and Michael Bailey (Finance Director).

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20th, 2025

On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Denis Bergeron, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20th, 2025.**

Financial Report Update from Michael Bailey - Revenues and expenses are close to budget. Two bond payments were made in May. Those payments and the drawdowns of the storm surge tank funds resulted in a slight decrease in cash. The cash on hand of \$3.8 million is sufficient to service debt and fund operations.

Open Session -As no one from the public was in attendance, the Open Session was closed.

Activity Report/Project Update

DOT Paving Projects – Each day, the sewer crew has been maintaining trenches since manhole adjustments in April. Two technicians inspect Center St at the beginning of each shift to ensure that conditions remain safe and stable. Progress on this project has been delayed due to inclement weather and overlapping work on the Lewiston Redundant Line and Communication Line projects. Due to these factors, milling and shimming have extended the anticipated timeline. The milled sections have been scheduled for shimming on June 16th and 17th. Unfortunately, this project has generated a number of vehicle claims. We are currently evaluating The District's responsibility, case by case. Due to the project size, the high traffic volume in this location and the inclement weather resulting in milling/shimming delays, there has been considerable confusion regarding claim liability.

E6 Generator Project – The majority of site work for this project has been completed. The generator pad and electrical panel have been relocated, a rainwater garden has been installed to manage stormwater and prevent erosion and improvements have been made to the culvert and drainage system. The Sewer District is currently awaiting the delivery of a water bar which will then be installed for project completion.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Vector Truck- The maintenance costs of the Sewer District's 2013 Vector truck have increased over time. Additionally, the District has limited storage for this vehicle. In 2024, The Water District purchased a vehicle with the intentional usage of servicing the lead and copper investigations. The Water District's dependency on this truck has lessened following the deadline for the L&C investigations. The Superintendent suggests locating a vendor to assess the valuation of this vehicle to then be sold at the end of the construction season. Trustees were in agreement on the sale of the vehicle.

I & I Update- The 2024 Miller Street inflow investigation has been incredibly impactful on the District's collection system. The repair has lessened overflows, reduced the flow surge, and the overall flow contribution to the treatment facility. The Inflow and Infiltration data continue to be impactful on The District's collection system. The superintendent expressed concerns with The Bradman Pumping Station as well as the Route 26 Pumping Station as there has been an increase in the I&I rates, though not all sources have been determined. The superintendent suggested that the Sewer District solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to conduct an I&I investigation at these two locations.

AWSD Legal Representation- The District has utilized Eaton Peabody for the last three years, and they are no longer practicing out of their Bangor office. Our lead council, Mike Hodgins has terminated his employment with Eaton Peabody as of June 13th, 2025. Mike Hodgins is currently employed with Verrill Dana, effective June 16th, 2025. Verrill Dana claims that they will hold a reduced rate for the service(s) provided. The superintendent proposes that The Sewer District trustees will need to consider a file transfer to a new legal firm within the next month. Additionally, Skelton Taintor and Abbott has experienced significant employee turnover and we are unfamiliar with who would be responsible for representing The District.

LACWA Apportionment and Financials- The treatment facility is operating efficiently and septage receiving continues to be well above historic averages. The apportionment of flow remains at 62% Lewiston 38% Auburn. The Authority continues to work on licensing Lewiston Landfill as an emergency backup for sludge disposal.

The DEP has now issued the final corrective actions for the compost facility which enables the Authority to move forward with negotiations on the sale of the property.

The CSO project continues to progress, with permitting coming together and the contractor soon to erect the walls for the tank. There are setbacks due to the availability of electrical components which may cause a delay in the anticipated completion date.

OLD BUSINESS

SCADA Agreements- A response has not yet been received from the "Notice of Breach" document sent to Lewiston. The ninety-day cure period noted on the Notice of Breach matures on Sunday, June 22nd. The superintendent has been in contact with The Water District's legal counsel to determine a plan for Lewiston's potential failure to cure the breach.

District Goals – The superintendent has compiled all of the comments/suggestions from the Auburn Water District's goals workshop in May. Mike has also met with Auburn City Manager Phil Crowell to discuss the city's process for setting/achieving goals. The superintendent suggests revising the current goal structure to be developed by both The Water and Sewer District trustee boards and the superintendent in executive sessions moving forward.

Other Business – Graca Muzela has resigned from the sewer trustee board. There are no other trustee applicants at this time.

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On motion of Stephen Milks, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Spence

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