

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
October 11, 2018**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO offices, 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio. Board vice president Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary-Treasurer Brubaker):

Will Schlechter	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell (arrived @ 7:10)	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	√
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Kurpely		Del Roig	√
Tom Steigerwald		Tom Lahetta	√	Jared Smith (for J. Wright)	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Roig to approve September 13, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

Board vice president Lynch announced that Board president Kurpely was traveling on business and would not be at the meeting. Asked that any board members that had not yet returned executive director performance reviews give them to Board secretary-treasurer Brubaker.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-35 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related September deposits and payments. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. Roig asked questions about two payments. Toy responded. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-36 Approval of RLCWA-related September payments. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 9 Yeas. 0 Nays. Brubaker and Lamb abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-37 Approval of LMRE-related September payments. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell did not arrive until 7:10 pm and was not present for vote. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Attended NOACA Water Quality Subcommittee on Friday, 9/21/18. Two Elyria FPA change requests were on agenda as action item. NOACA staff recommended two of the three areas for approval and recommended that the third (east side of SR 57 south of Royalton Road and north of Brentwood Golf Course) be tabled until the December WQS meeting. Lorain County objected for the reason that they claim they plan on providing service to the area. WQS members directed NOACA staff to have a recommendation on the December WQS agenda. NOACA staff will attempt to contact Lorain County and get details as to their plans to provide service.
2. In GRW preliminary cost estimates for the New Russia Township feasibility study it appears that the shorter route (cross country route to Slife Road Pump Station) has the lowest capital cost of the alternates. They are still evaluating some items, such as Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) versus open cutting the driveway crossings + replacing the asphalt/concrete surface. Preliminary opinion of total project costs range from just under \$2,000,000 to \$2,750,000. These costs include the new pump station and new force mains needed to transport the wastewater from New Russia Township to the existing LORCO system. GRW still working on finalizing the study and should have a draft of the report ready for LORCO review by the end of October.
3. Reviewing loans from townships and villages. Loans were obtained for two different reasons – feasibility study in 1997 and NOACA/County/EPA lawsuit in 2001. 1997 agreements called for repayment at some point in the future when LORCO could afford it. 2001 agreements called for repayment only if damages were recovered in lawsuit. No damages were recovered. According to most recent LORCO financial statements, 1997 loans from townships total \$20,000 and 2001 loans from townships and villages total \$19,000.
4. Regarding possible development on Royalton Road just east of Plum Creek Drive, touched base with KE McCartney and Associates. They have drafted a proposed agreement and sent it to the county to review. Anticipate maybe getting us something to look at in 2-3 weeks.
5. Will be attending Avon Lake Regional Water work session on November 6, 2018 at 6 pm to give status report.
6. Ed VanHoose hired as new LMRE/North-Central general manager/Federated Energy Services Cooperative president starting December 11th. Replacing Markus Bryant who is retiring.

Other Business:

1. Policy Committee Chair Lynch reported on Policy Committee meeting that was held at 6 pm prior to tonight’s board meeting. Reviews to policy manual sections 311, 312 and 313 were discussed. Executive director will prepare a resolution to adopt changes and resolution will be on next month’s meeting agenda.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Schlechter to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm and meet again on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer