

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
January 14, 2021**

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 president Korpely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):

Will Schlechter	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell (Zoom)	√
Adam Mourton		Rick Hutman	√	Andy Gulish (Zoom)	√
Jed Lamb		Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright (Zoom)	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

Election of Officers:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the LORCO Bylaws, election of officers is to take place at the first meeting of the year. Board president Cindy Korpely asked LORCO Executive Director Toy to handle the election of officers.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of President. Motion was made by Del Roig with a second by Karol Cornelius to nominate Cindy Korpely to the position of President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Vice President. Motion was made by Tom Lahetta with second by Jim Woodrum to nominate Neil Lynch to the position of Vice President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Secretary-Treasurer. Motion was made by Cindy Korpely with a second by Tom Lahetta to nominate Carl Wesemeyer to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Roig, with a second by Koch to approve December 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related December deposits and payments. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2 Approval of RLCWA-related December payments. It was moved by Berry with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3 Approval of LMRE-related December payments. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4 Resolution of Appreciation (Jerry Cowie – Rochester Township). It was moved by McConnell, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5 Approve Records Destruction. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Woodrum to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Notified Clemans Nelson Associates (CNA) that we will be terminating our retainer agreement with them and changing to a non-retainer agreement. Charge for retainer agreement is \$175/month. The non-retainer agreement allows for LORCO and CNA to maintain a business relationship whereby we can call and seek advice over the phone or through projects but the rates are higher and there are no included routine phone calls.
2. Sent welcome/introduction email to new commissioners and county administrator. Will be setting up a meeting to discuss some FPA and flow agreement issues.
3. 2018/2019 audit – according to Auditor of State's office will now be ready "Late January".
4. NOACA board meets January 22nd. It is Lorain County's "turn" to have the board president position. According to Commissioner Moore, the Lorain County Commissioners have decided to continue with Commissioner Lundy to be on the NOACA Board. Commissioner Hung will also serve and Neil Lynch has been asked to be her alternate.

5. Still Meadows – south side of Slife Road in Carlisle Township. Phase 1 is supposed to be on February planning commission agenda. 22 sublots. Entire project is approximately 60 sublots.
6. Eaton Crossings – near IGA store on 82 in Eaton Township. 217 sublots. On this month’s planning commission agenda.
7. Woods at Eaton – still gathering construction bids. Plans to start in next 90-120 days. 52 sublots on Cooley Road.
8. Have had a couple of calls this week about reduced sewer bills when no water is used in the winter. LORCO policy committee has reviewed this matter before and decided to still bill the minimum due to there being certain fixed costs regardless of whether water is used or not. In the process of collecting information from Avon Lake Regional Water.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Koch and seconded by Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm and meet again on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer