

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
June 10, 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):

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

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Tom Berry, Cinnamon Lake resident; Bob Homza, Cinnamon Lake resident

Changes to agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Breining to approve May 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related May deposits and payments. It was moved by Schlechter, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26 Approval of RLCWA-related May payments. It was moved by Koch with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 9 Yeas. 0 Nays. Korpely; Lamb; and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27 Approval of LMRE-related May 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 abstained. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1)

| 6/10/21 Project Status Summary | | |
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| Project | Location | Status |
| Eaton Crossings (Frontier Land Group) | South side of State Route 82 between Island Road & Reed Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LORCO submitted Cycle 1 plan review comments to developer on 5/14/21. • Design professional working on plan revisions. Anticipates having them back to us for Cycle 2 review by 6/25/21. • Phase 1 - 51 sublots beginning at Island Road & heading east. • Total project - 217 homes on approximately 80 acres. |
| Woods at Eaton – Phase 1 (Jonathan Palmer) | Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted sanitary sewer preconstruction meeting 5/28/21. RLCWA and county preconstruction meetings were held the following week. • County approved Subdivider Agreement and Agreement with Geo-Sci, Inc. for on-going engineering inspection and materials testing fees on 6/2/21. • Had planned on starting construction by late April 2021. • Phase 1 is 52 sublots. |
| Still Meadows (Yost Construction) | Slife Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subdivision received preliminary subdivision plan approval on 5/27/21. • Working on developing Final Plans now. Their goal is to have the Phase 1 plans engineered and submitted to us by 7/2/21. • 22 sublots in Phase 1. Project total is approximately 65 sublots. |
| Cinnamon Lake-West Salem force main | Jackson Twp, Ashland Co. and Congress Twp, Wayne Co. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with our engineer on 6/15/21 to review maintenance building design plans. • Could possibly begin project bid advertisement process as soon as 7/10/21. |

- 2) Submitted Hawke Road FPA change to NOACA 4/8/21. NOACA staff recommends approval at Water Quality Subcommittee - Friday, June 18. NOACA Board of Directors - Friday, September 10.
- 3) SR 57 FPA change - March 19 Water Quality Subcommittee agenda; the April 9 Planning & Programming Committee agenda; and the June 11, 2021 Board agenda.
- 4) Meeting tomorrow at RLCWA office with Joe Waldecker and State Rep. Nathan Manning. Ohio receiving approximately \$12 billion as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The state's share will be nearly \$5.4 billion and local governments located in Ohio will receive approximately \$6.6 billion. 6119 regional districts are not entitled to direct funding through ARPA; however, they are eligible to receive the state's portion of funding to be used for water and sewer infrastructure projects. CORD is working with stakeholders to develop a program in the main operating budget (HB 110) that will provide federal funding specifically to 6119 regional districts. HB 110 is currently pending in the Ohio Senate and will be debated throughout the month of June. The bill must be passed and signed into law by July 1st. Decision to use ARPA money for 6119 districts will likely be made separate from the state budget.
- 5) County commissioners voted 2-1 on 5/12/21 to approve the Grafton annexation. It is my understanding that Eaton Township has 30 days to object (either today or tomorrow.) Received call yesterday from the Village of Grafton. Plan to file FPA change request "soon" with NOACA.

Asked about LORCO interest in swapping Eaton Homes FPA for area to be annexed. Told Grafton that we would prefer for the annexation proceedings to run their course first.

- 6) Have had two meetings with City of Elyria regarding Elyria FPA in vicinity of SR 301 & Butternut Ridge Road; LORCO FPA in vicinity of Archer Road and Chestnut Ridge Road, and LORCO transmission lines that run north-south along boundary between Elyria and North Ridgeville. Exploring possibility of trading Elyria FPA area for combination of LORCO FPA area and access to LORCO transmission lines in southeast area of Elyria.
- 7) Had contact with North Ridgeville regarding possibility of adding customers through a flow agreement. Center Ridge Road (south), Case Road (east), Burns Road (north), and corporation limit (west).
- 8) Brentwood golf course (Eaton Township) rezoning request on 5/27/21 planning commission agenda. Eaton Township Zoning Commission has received request to rezone part of Brentwood Golf Course from Residential - R-1 (1.5 Acres with 150' frontage) & Local Commercial District - LC-1 to Residential - R-3 (.5 Acres with 75' frontage).
- 9) Met 6/1/21 with Bob Klaiber, assistant county engineer. Discussed connecting Schild's IGA to our Phase 1 system as well as Eaton Estates. County is in the process of surveying elevations of their package plant and our system.

Other Business:

General discussion initiated by Roig about possibility of making LORCO tap fees equal to municipal tap fees in abutting areas. Developer would be charged the cost equal to that of the municipality with the remainder placed as an assessment on the property owner's taxes.

Executive Session:

Lynch requested an executive session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of discussing imminent litigation. Seconded by McConnell. Voice vote to enter executive session was unanimous. Meeting guests left the building. At 8:20 pm, Kurpely asked for a voice vote in favor of coming out of executive session. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Koch and seconded by Schlechter to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm and meet again on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer