

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
May 8, 2013**

**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. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Trustees in Attendance:**

Secretary/Treasurer Lahetta called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

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| James McConnell | Neil Lynch         | Rick Hutman    |
| Cindy Kurpely   | James Wright       | Gerald Cowie   |
| John Piwinski   | Mary Beth Derikito | Thomas Lahetta |
| Rita Canfield   | Dominic Ferritto   |                |

**Absent:** Louise Grose, Jim Woodrum, Mike Hill, Howard Born, Bob Walrod

**Also in Attendance:**

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU  
Robert Berner, Executive Director

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2013 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito, with a second by Jim Wright to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

President McConnell informed the board of the committee assignments for 2013-2014 and noted there were no changes.

President McConnell updated the board on a meeting he and Ex. Dir. Berner attended at NOACA on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He indicated the primary reason for the meeting was the FPA request for Hawke Rd. He told the board of the attitude change at NOACA with 208 boundary changes and noted they recognized the issues with the conflicts with roadways used as boundaries.

President McConnell informed the board of the new NOACA Director and the new staff which he believes represents a new direction for the organization. He informed the board of the two meetings scheduled at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting which were subsequently cancelled by Dick Heidecker of Columbia Township because of the petition of remonstrance.

President McConnell then updated the board on the conference call held on April 25<sup>th</sup> with Ex Dir Berner and Pam Davis and Brian Wolpershall of NOACA. The one big issue discussed was the need for letters of support from affected parties when an FPA change is requested. He felt these entities can hold hostage any

environmental improvements that would benefit communities because of political reasons. They discussed more on the definitions of accessibility and availability.

Jim Wright asked about the role of the EPA and pointed out that EPA should be politically neutral.

Cindy Korpely asked about the role of the Health Department.

A long discussion ensued concerning the seven year rule for home treatment systems when a sewer becomes available.

President McConnell continued with his conference call update and informed the board of the misconception at NOACA that LORCO could only provide sewer services to member communities. He concluded by informing the board he felt the tone of the conversation was encouraging.

Rita Canfield pointed out that the townships have a representative on the NOACA Board.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Piwinski updated the board on the April 24<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting. He informed the board on the discussion concerning revenue flow and debt payments. He indicated they looked at the custodial account and the need to reduce expenses. He informed the board of the committee's idea of having a joint meeting with the LORCO board and the ALMU board. He noted the importance of a positive campaign concerning the benefits of sewers on the environment for all of Lorain County. He summarized the meeting as good and indicated a 30 year forecast would be done by Ex Dir Berner.

#### No Legal Report

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Cindy Korpely, with a second by Dominic Ferritto, The motion was unanimously approved.**

Executive Director Berner reported there was one new news article since the board packets went out. He updated the board on the completion of the feasibility study with Pheasant Run Village. He informed the board of his meeting with the Pheasant Run Board on April 29<sup>th</sup> and a public meeting at Pheasant Run on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also commented on the meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at NOACA. He updated the board on the receipt of 10 submittals on the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from engineering firms. He then reported the April numbers from ALMU.

#### The April report from ALMU:

**888 homes are connected**

**1,066 customers were billed in April for \$57,969.08.**

**Meter reading at pump station from April 5 – May 5 shows**

**5,286,816 gallons sent to plant for treatment.**

**Gallons of RLCWA 3,139,782**

**The treatment cost for April was \$9,761.12 per the contracted rate.**

**Wholesale rate \$2,606.02 Booked Amount \$7,190.10.**

**The April O & M expenses were: \$31,155.83**

***\$6,282.67 wages and benefits***

***\$4,232.23 office, billing expenses and utilities***  
***\$2,850.78 Utilities***  
***\$2,283.95 Operation and Maintenance***  
***\$3,356.20 Unemployment Taxes***  
***\$0.00 RLCWA Meter Readings***  
***\$0.00 Mileage and Mobile***  
***\$12,150.00 Professional Services***  
**LORCO received \$15,000 per Cooperative Agreement**

**Balance in Custodial Account: \$1,391,399.36**

**Booked Billable Hours for April: \$2,403.28**

Ex. Dir. Berner concluded his report by informing the board of vacation time he will be taking the end of May.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines reported on April 26<sup>th</sup> she filed outstanding first quarter liens of \$13,345 representing about 8% of billing. She informed the board the payment for liens were collected at 90%. She commented on the April billing for estimated bills and the effects of the vacant homes. She informed the board \$12,000 in administrative expenses were due to having to repay 2 banks for tap fees paid that will be collected as assessments.

Cindy Korpely asked her about the Hawke Rd. restoration. She indicated she would be talking to the contractor tomorrow and getting a start date.

**Other Business:**

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. No board members had any comments.

**Public Comment:**

David Urig asked about Pheasant Run and using the plant for equalization. He also asked about the Grant Award status.

Del Roig asked about the situation with the Village of Grafton and Yost Construction concerning the next phase of Barrington.

Linda Morrison commented on the Finance Committee. She asked Becky Haines about the number of new connections. She also asked Ex. Dir. Berner to look into the EPA 2% income affordability issue.

Carl Dent commented on the floats in the pump station. He also asked who would maintain the transmission line for PRV. He concluded by commenting on having a professional review of billing and operations for Phase I.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dominick Ferritto and seconded by Mary Beth Derikito to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All voted yes.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer