

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
MARCH 12, 2020**

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

Trustee Roll Call (Board president Kurpely):

Will Schlechter		Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Andy Gulish	√
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

After roll was called, Kurpely reminded everyone of the need to elect a secretary-treasurer due to resignation from the board of Patti Brubaker. Motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Lahetta to nominate Wesemeyer. Being no further nominations, motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Lahetta to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wesemeyer. Voice vote was taken with none opposed.

Changes to agenda:

Kurpely announced that there would be an executive committee report under “Old Business” and an update on the status of the Columbia Township flow agreement under “Other Business”.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Roig, with a second by Koch to approve February 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

Kurpely reported that Executive Committee had met to discuss terms for a consultation period by the LORCO executive director in the event of a voluntary separation from employment. Kurpely had consulted with LORCO legal counsel and employment agreement addendum language was developed. Motion was made by Wesemeyer and seconded by Lahetta to approve the addendum language. Voice vote was taken with none opposed.

New Business:

None

President's Report:

Board President Korpely announced that a thank-you card had been received from Patti Brubaker thanking the board for gifts presented at last month's meeting. LORCO records commission will meet prior to the April board meeting. Executive Committee will meet prior to the May board meeting. Discussed LaGrange Township meeting attendance – will reach out to LaGrange Township trustees Gardner and Canfield.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related February deposits and payments. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12 Approval of RLCWA-related February payments. It was moved by Wright with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Korpely, Lamb, Wesemeyer & Gulish abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13 Approval of LMRE-related February payments. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Berry to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell & Gulish abstained. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Received a public records request for previous LORCO board meeting minutes.
2. Received appointment notifications for all LORCO board terms that expire 3/27/20 (Huntington, LaGrange, New Russia, Pittsfield, Rochester, and Wellington Townships.)
3. Working on NPDES renewal application for Cinnamon Lake treatment plant. Expires in September 2020.
4. Updated Cinnamon Lake force main funding. Plan to submit nomination to Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) in August. Should qualify for "regionalization" which would provide a 0% interest rate for 20-30 years. Regionalization also offers Principal Forgiveness so hopefully EPA would consider this funding for us as well. These funds would be available in January 2021. We would still be able to maintain the Community Development Block Grant, Rural Public Infrastructure Grant (CDBG-RPIG) application with this schedule. Will plan on getting required public meetings and environmental assessment out of the way during the summer to prepare for the application.
5. Woods at Eaton subdivision - final sanitary sewer plans should be ready sometime around the week of 23rd.
6. Brentwood Golf Course construction started last week. Slow going due to encountering a wet sand lens.
7. Lawn watering findings to date - Avon Lake Regional Water – no; Elyria – adjustments only to Elyria customers where they control readings. No adjustments for customers outside of city limits served by RLCWA; North Ridgeville – will provide a deduct meter for \$322.56. Can only be connected to outside spigots; Grafton - has a program that allows residential homes a second tap, curb box and meter for irrigation use only. Customers pays for two separate meter readings based on supply to each, sewer billing is only calculated on water consumed through the supply line for home use. The irrigation meter is not charged a "minimum charge fee"; County – no.
8. Records Commission will be meeting at 6 pm prior to April board meeting.
9. Have been working for approximately the last 1 ½ weeks on another collapsed sewer on Laurel Drive in Cinnamon Lake.

10. Slife Road – inquiries within the last couple of weeks about two parcels/groups of parcels in Carlisle Township. 200 acres – potentially 700 homes, 60 acres – potentially 85 homes. Have provided infrastructure information to developers.

Other Business:

Kurpely asked Toy to provide a report on the status of the Columbia Township flow agreement. County has agreed to provide customer billing information; give LORCO and Avon Lake Regional Water the authority to enforce sewer use rules in the new sewer district; and pay “I&I” flow at the Phase 1 rate. Agreement approved yesterday by county commissioners. Avon Lake Regional Water will be discussing the agreement at their board meeting next Tuesday. General discussion followed. LORCO board recommends memorializing our understanding of several agreement issues/agreement language. Executive director will draft an appropriate document. At the conclusion of discussion, Toy requested a motion, second, and vote to authorize execution of the agreement pending coordination with Avon Lake Regional Water. Motion was made by Roig and seconded by Lamb. Voice vote was taken with none opposed.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm and meet again on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer