

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
August 14, 2008**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO office, 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance:

Scott Grills	James Wright	Doug Edwards
Dominic Ferritto	Ernest Hartman	Barb Harper
John Piwinski	Gerald Cowie	Calvin Woods
Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins	Neil Lynch
James McConnell		

Also in Attendance:

Michelle Elbon, Rochester Village (non voting)
Helen Haddox, Office Manager
Fred Alspach, Executive Director

Absent were:

Rick Hutman, Joseph Knoble

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 10, 2008 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Barb Harper, with a second by Scott Grills to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The board was informed of the current status of the LORCO loan documents with FirstMerit Bank. The loan will be closed when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water have finalized their respective wetlands reviews and issued their recommendations. The project will then be advertised for construction bids. In addition full discussion has been held with GRW Engineers, Inc. regarding the Avon Lake Municipal Utilities construction supervision plan. GRW is supportive of this plan but needs to maintain close contact with the lead inspector on the project. This will be identified as part of the agreement between ALMU and LORCO.

New Business:

President McConnell further commented on discussions held with GRW Engineers, Inc. and ALMU for the construction supervision of Phase-I. This will allow inspectors, with training by ALMU, to better serve the LORCO project. There has been no further discussion with IRG representatives regarding the quarries project. However, it is time to move the LORCO Northwest Service Area project forward and begin the engineering phase. This will be a topic for the next LORCO meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15 It was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by Gerald Cowie WHEREAS, Dwaine Clinker, who represented Rochester Village has served the LORCO Rural Wastewater District faithfully, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and the following hereby recognized.
"RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION" To Dwaine Clinker

On behalf of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District, I wish to extend our sincerest gratitude in the effort that you have put forth in support of the LORCO concept.

It is with this kind of support that projects, like LORCO, have and will become valued utilities that raise the level of comfort and health to a higher plain for rural Lorain County residents.

It is also with great appreciation that because of your dedication and effort and others like yourself, LORCO will be recorded in history as one of the most important enhancements to the rural way of life in Lorain County.

All voted yea: Motion carried. Adopted this 14th day of August, 2008

President McConnell then reviewed the interest in having a LORCO regular monthly meeting at the Eaton Township facilities. A timely item to have on display and discuss will be the residential grinder pumps. Environmental-One has agreed to have a model and factory representatives present to answer any questions. It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Doug Edwards to hold the September 11, 2008 LORCO regular monthly meeting at the Eaton Township facilities. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The LORCO fair display at the Lorain County Fair has been given consideration and with the current workload for LORCO's two employees, it was discussed whether to fully man a display or provide a poster with map and explanation of the next monthly meeting. Following full discussion, it was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by Tom Lahetta to forego the 2008 LORCO display at the fair. All voted yea. Motion carried. It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Doug Edwards to provide a poster, with a map and notice of not being able to man the display, along with brochures and notification of the next regular meeting. All voted yea. Motion carried.

In the absence of legal counsel, the Executive Director noted an August 18, 2008 Rural Urban news article regarding the public email sent by Eaton Township resident, Jeff Milum, which asserts his opinion of various LORCO issues. The news article also included the rebuttal by LORCO officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-14 It was moved by Gerald Cowie, with a second by Dominic Ferritto WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

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URS – wetland services for May	\$	3,852.08
Neace-Lukens – annual liability insurance	\$	3,660.00
Payrolls disbursed on – 07/02/08, 07/16/08 & 07/30/08	\$	3,191.70
GRW Engineers – IRG	\$	1,012.50

OPERS – contributions 06/28/08 – 07/25/08	\$	553.84
Easement Payments – disbursed in July	\$	531.00
North Coast Administrators – monthly health insurance	\$	526.66
First Merit – federal payroll taxes for July	\$	233.07
Comp Management – workers’ comp group enrollment	\$	148.00
Verizon – monthly landline	\$	105.21
LMRE – monthly NISC accounting software	\$	92.97
First Merit – monthly analysis fee	\$	51.49
LMRE – administrative contract for July	\$	7,036.43
LMRE – rent for July	\$	250.00

- 1) That in anticipation of receiving permanent construction funding with a financing guarantee from the USDA/ Rural Development, the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may be required to expend or incur cost for planning and/or fees for the purpose of making capital improvements to their wastewater collection facility, which costs expended or incurred will be considered a part of the total USDA/Rural Development construction loan and the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may claim such costs as reimbursable expenses through the loan.
- 2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Vote resulted as follows: 13 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director, Alspach, reviewed the monthly time report and staff report with the board. He noted that the process of securing easements for underground pump stations is moving along. There will be only one property purchase for the Triplex pump station and that is being negotiated. He also noted the news articles in the Enterprise and the Rural Urban. Two letters were presented from Eaton Township residents and one email from a Carlisle Township resident. Alspach then reviewed the cash flow and deferral statement as of August 6, 2008. Office Manager, Helen Haddox, told the board about a premium reduction in LORCO’s Workers’ Compensation Insurance rate. She was able to get the Office Manager’s position reclassified.

Other Business:

Eaton Township resident, Jeff Milum, questioned the board regarding several issues, which were part of a news article in the Rural Urban.

Eaton Township resident, Bill Hemmer, questioned the board on governance, management, right-of-way issues and tap fee costs.

Eaton Township resident, Eugene Szczepanski noted the length of time and number of issues LORCO officials have overcome to get to where they are today.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Doug Edwards to move into Executive Session for discussion of personnel at 9:08 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all present at the regular meeting responding yea. Motion carried.

President McConnell declared the board back in regular session at 9:35 p.m.

It was moved by Doug Edwards, with a second by Tom Lahetta to accept the Executive Director's recommendation of a salary increase for the Office Manager. The vote was as follows: 13 Yea 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

It was moved by John Piwinski with a second by Dominic Ferritto to adjourn at this time 9:35 p.m. and meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Eaton Township complex, located at 12043 Avon Belden Road, Grafton, OH 44044. All voted yea. The motion carried.

President

Secretary-Treasurer