

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
JANAURY 8, 2009**

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:

Scott Grills	James Wright	Doug Edwards
Tom Steigerwald (A)	Mary Beth Derikito (A)	John Piwinski
Gerald Cowie	Dennis Schumaker (A)	Thomas Lahetta
Dorothy Collins	Cindy Kurpely	Neil Lynch
James McConnell		

Also in Attendance:

Dennis O'Toole, Attorney
Helen Haddox, Office Manager
Fred Alspach, Executive Director

Absent:

Rick Hutman, Joseph Knoble and LaGrange Township

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. Dennis O'Toole, Attorney to the Board then opened the floor for nominations for President.

It was moved by Doug Edwards to nominate Jim McConnell as President. It was moved by Gerald Cowie, with a second by Cindy Kurpely to close the nominations. It was moved by Scott Grills, with a second by James Wright to elect Jim McConnell as President. All voted Yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Gerald Cowie to nominate Neil Lynch as Vice-President. It was moved by Tom Steigerwald, with a second by Scott Grills to close the nominations. It was moved by Doug Edwards, with a second by James Wright to elect Neil Lynch as Vice-President. All voted Yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by John Piwinski to nominate Tom Lahetta as Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito, with a second by Cindy Kurpely to close the nominations. It was moved by Tom Steigerwald, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito to elect Tom Lahetta as Secretary-Treasurer. All voted Yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 11, 2008 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. James Wright noted that he was shown in attendance but that Gary Crane

(A) was actually in attendance. It was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Tom Lahetta to approve the minutes as corrected. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

It was reported to the Board that the PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING had been advertised on December 30, 2009. The public information and Public Hearing relative to issues of lower water quality is scheduled for February 18, 2009 at the Carlisle Township Building East, 1959 Grafton Road, as printed in the PUBLIC NOTICE. A time line of events detailing the reviews to the final 401 Water Quality permit was also presented.

New Business:

President McConnell called for suggestions to set dates and times for regular LORCO monthly meetings in 2009. Following discussion, it was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Doug Edwards to designate the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for LORCO regular monthly meetings. It was also noted that an alternate time in conjunction with Eastern Daylight Savings Time could be considered later. All voted Yea. Motion carried.

There was no legal report provided at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1 It was moved by Scott Grills, with a second by John Piwinski WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payrolls disbursed on – 12/03/08, 12/17/08 & 12/31/08	\$	3,344.70
Village of Grafton – treatment costs 09/26/08 – 12/01/08	\$	766.22
OPERS – contributions 11/29/08 – 12/26/08	\$	592.13
North Coast Administrators – monthly health insurance	\$	526.66
First Merit – federal payroll taxes for December	\$	313.14
Easement Acquisition expenses for December	\$	272.00
Ohio Treasurer or State – fourth quarter taxes	\$	225.47
LMRE – NISC monthly accounting software	\$	95.63
Fred Alspach – LORCO petty cash reimbursement	\$	90.93
Bobel's Office Supply – general office supplies	\$	74.18
First Merit – monthly analysis fee	\$	53.36
Verizon – monthly landline	\$	52.61
Rural-Urban Record – subscription	\$	33.00
Ohio Utilities Protection – s/h for calendars	\$	9.12
LMRE – administrative contract for November	\$	7,174.94
URS Engineering – wetland services period ending 12/12/08	\$	1,637.00
Radachi & Company – accounting fees 11/04/08 – 11/26/08	\$	1,145.50
LMRE – rent for November	\$	250.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-2 It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito, with a second by Gerald Cowie, WHEREAS, Barbara Harper, who represented LaGrange Township has served the LORCO Rural Wastewater District faithfully, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and the following hereby recognized.

*"RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION"
TO
Barbara Harper*

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.

Good luck in your future endeavors.

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

The Executive Director presented the monthly time sheet along with an updated Facility Planning Area map provided by NOACA and several memos regarding public document requests by Eaton Township residents. Several news articles regarding opinion letters, municipal sewer rates and annexation issues were also presented.

The December list of deposits, disbursements and deferrals were reviewed and the current cash balance was presented.

Other Business:

The board received comment from the public attending the meeting. Among issues of storm water retention and drainage, road elevation, estimated developments and cost numbers, it was recognized that the LORCO effort to obtain job ready infrastructure project stimulus money from the federal government could be enhanced by support from the citizens of Eaton Township. Bill Hemmer of Cooley Road indicated that he would help the effort to obtain stimulus money by circulating a petition. LORCO staff was then directed to draft language conducive to a petition supporting the Carlisle-Eaton Wastewater Project need for federal stimulus assistance.

Adjourn:

President McConnell noted that the Executive Committee will meet on Thursday January 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the LORCO office.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Scott Grills with a second by Gerald Cowie to adjourn at this time 9:00 p.m. and meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the LORCO offices, 22898 West Rd. Wellington, OH. All voted yea. The motion carried.

President

Secretary-Treasurer