

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 9, 2006**

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 pursuant to written notice. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance –

James Woodrum	James Wright	Ernie Walker
Ed Born	Barbara Harper	John Piwinski
James McConnell	Gerald Cowie	Don Wittmer
Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins	Dwaine Clinker
	Neil Lynch	

Also in Attendance –

Fred Alspach, Executive Director
Becky Haines, Administrative Assistant
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Counsel

Absent – Rick Hutman, Dominic Ferritto, and Ernest Hartman

President McConnell called for any changes or additions to the agenda. Executive Director Alspach suggested an executive session be conducted at the conclusion of the other business to discuss contractual issues, which invoke attorney client privilege.

Approval of the Minutes –

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2006 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by James Woodrum with a second by Gerald Cowie to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Executive Director Alspach reported that the extension on the FirstMerit Loan has been completed.

New Business –

President McConnell mentioned that the Committee Assignments had been included in the member's board packets.

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A combined meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM with the Executive Committee and the Finance-Audit Committee.

Attorney O'Toole reported on a special meeting held on March 2, 2006 with board members and their alternates in attendance. Discussion centered on the fiduciary responsibility of the board members in accordance to our By Laws and the Ohio Revised Code and the administrative responsibilities of the Executive Director and staff.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-05 it WAS MOVED BY Don Wittmer with a second by John Piwinski WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

LMRE –NISC license fee for February	\$ 92.96
State Auditor – additional audit fees for 2003 – 2004	\$ 475.44
Payroll – 1/14/06 through 1/28/06	\$ 1,389.96
Radachi & Co., CPA's – deferred	\$ 855.50
Baumgartner & O'Toole Legal Professionals – deferred	\$ 4,850.50
LMRE – March rent	\$ 250.00
Payroll – 1/28/06 through 2/10/06	\$ 1,389.96
OPERS – February contribution	\$ 785.78
Payroll Taxes – January	\$ 603.86
Payroll Taxes – February	\$ 603.86
CJ Business Forms – letter size envelopes	\$ 137.24
PayChex – final maintenance fee for W2's and year end	\$ 101.36
Bureau of Workman's Compensation – Annual Fee	\$ 592.96
GRW Engineers – Phase One Design & Easement Descriptions	\$ 24,999.96
LMRE – February Administrative Contract	\$ 4,257.36
GRW Engineers	\$ 90,000.23
Verizon Telephone	\$ 50.56

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. The motion carried.

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Executive Director Alspach then completed the Administrative Report, which included expenditures, time sheet and weekly report, and news articles. Brief discussion was had regarding the Ohio Rural Water Association conference scheduled in the beginning of April and Administrative Assistant Haines requested that those interested in attending see her after the meeting.

Other Business –

President McConnell asked if there was any other business to come before the Board or any questions from the audience.

President McConnell reminded the Board that the May 11th board meeting will be held at the Carlisle Township Hall (old fire station) and that the June 8th meeting will be held at Eaton Township Hall. Trustees are encouraged to notify the residents to attend and be briefed on the status of funding and construction time line.

Executive Session –

It was moved by John Piwinski with a second by Tom Lahetta to move into Executive Session at 8:35 PM to discuss contractual matters, which invoke attorney client privilege. A roll call was taken and all members responded yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by President McConnell with a second by Tom Lahetta to return to regular session at 9:20 PM. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn –

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by John Piwinski with a second by Tom Lahetta to adjourn at this time 9:22 PM and meet again in regular session at 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 13, 2006. All voted yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary Treasurer