

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
July 13, 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. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Attorney O'Toole administered the Oath of Office to Amy Szmania, alternate for Rochester Township.

Trustees in Attendance –

Scott Grills	James Wright	Douglas Edwards
Dominic Ferritto	Ernest Hartman	Barbara Harper
John Piwinski	James McConnell	Gerald Cowie
Don Wittmer	Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins
Dwaine Clinker	Ed Born	Neil Lynch

Also in Attendance –

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

Absent – Rick Hutman

Approval of the Minutes –

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 8, 2006 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by Ernest Hartman with a second by Jerry Cowie to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

New Business –

President McConnell briefly summarized the cooperative effort of the board members, staff, and numerous supporters of LORCO in responding to the recent letters sent by Lorain County Commissioner Ted Kalo to Randall Hunt of the USDA Rural Development office and by Lorain County Administrator James Cordes to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

CPA Radachi reviewed the 2006 Adjusted Permanent Operation Budget and the 2007 Temporary Appropriations Budget for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-14 It was moved by Ernest Hartman with a second by James Wright WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payroll 5/21/2006 - 6/03/2006	\$	1,389.96
Payroll 6/04/2006 - 6/17/2006	\$	1,389.96
LMRE – NISC monthly fee	\$	92.96
Verizon Telephone – June	\$	49.72
OPERS – May contribution	\$	785.78
First Merit – June federal taxes	\$	603.86
State of Ohio – Quarterly payroll taxes	\$	383.88
Rural Urban – Ad for Eaton Twp meeting	\$	77.00
First Merit Visa – printer	\$	84.98
GRW Engineering – Phase I	\$	79,999.98
Postage – second quarter	\$	132.96
Copies & Faxes – second quarter	\$	265.85
Mileage – second quarter	\$	416.08
LMRE – July rent	\$	250.00
LMRE – Administrative Contract for July	\$	4,257.36
Radachi & Company – accounting services for May	\$	8,772.50
Baumgartner & O’Toole – legal services for June	\$	5,432.50
GRW Engineers – Phase One Design	\$	64,999.50

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: 15 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-15 Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Thomas Lahetta with a second by Don Wittmer;

WHEREAS, the 2006 Permanent Budget is adjusted to reflect the actual costs and;

WHEREAS, the 2006 Adjusted Permanent Operating Budget is hereby attached and;

WHEREAS, full discussion has been held.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- 1) The Lorain County Rural Wastewater District 2006 Budget Reappropriation is hereby approved with Exhibits attached.
- 2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the 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.

Voted resulted as follows: 15 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2006-16 Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Don Wittmer with a second by John Piwinski;

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio requires that all Public Entities approve their 2007 temporary operating budget prior to July 31, 2006, and;

WHEREAS, the 2007 temporary operating budget is enclosed and;

WHEREAS, full discussion has been held

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Lorain County Rural Wastewater District 2007 Temporary Budget Appropriation is hereby approved with Exhibits attached.
2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this 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; 15 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director Alspach completed the Administrative Report reviewing the funding progress, meetings held, and the staff report.

Administrative Assistant Haines reviewed the Financial Report and the proposed general liability insurance premium renewal.

A motion was made by Thomas Lahetta with a second by Barbara Harper to approve the general liability insurance premium with Neace Lukens Insurance Agency in the amount of \$2,405.00. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Before moving into Executive Session, President McConnell asked if the audience had any questions or concerns. Carlisle Township resident, Carl Denk, inquired about the status of an updated Phase I construction map on the website.

Executive Session

It was moved by Ernest Hartman with a second by Scott Grills to move into Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss personnel matters. A roll call was taken and all members responded yea. Motion Carried.

At 9:10 PM President McConnell declared the Executive Session completed and reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by John Piwinski with a second by James Wright approving a 3% salary increase for the Administrative Assistant. All voted yea. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ernest Hartman with a second by Thomas Lahetta approving a 3.04% salary increase and continue the 50% reimbursement level with LMRE for the Executive Director. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Don Wittmer to adjourn at this time 9:30 PM and meet again in regular session at 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 10th at the LORCO office located at 22898 West Road, Wellington. All voted yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary Treasurer