

**DRAFT MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
APRIL 8, 2010**

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.

Oath of Office:

Attorney O'Toole administered the Oath of Office to James Wright of Carlisle Township, Berry Taylor (alternate) of Carlisle Township, David Richard (alternate) of Eaton Township, Tom Steigerwald (alternate) of Grafton Township and Howard Born of Henrietta Township. These terms will expire on March 27, 2013.

Trustees in Attendance:

Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

James McConnell	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Korpely	David Richard (A)
James Wright	Tom Steigerwald (A)	John Piwinski
Dorothy Collins	Ernest Hartman	Louise Grose
Howard Born		

Also in Attendance:

Dennis O'Toole, Attorney
John Kniepper, ALMU-Chief Utilities Executive
Becky Haines, ALMU-Special Projects Administrator
Robert Berner, Executive Director
Helen Haddox, Office Manager

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell stated that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2010 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Ernest Hartman with a second by James Wright to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to come before the board.

New Business:

President McConnell thanked the members for attending the educational training session facilitated by Attorney O'Toole and Executive Director Berner on April 1, 2010.

President McConnell stated that he and Executive Director Berner have continued their visits to the member communities. They have visited Huntington, Camden, Pittsfield, Eaton, Lagrange, Amherst and New Russia Townships in the past month.

Attorney O'Toole discussed the progress on the easement cases. Most have resolved themselves. A few needed additional clarification on location and should be settled within the next 2-4 weeks. Only two or three may end up going to trial.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Gerald Cowie with a second by Tom Steigerwald. The motion was unanimously approved.

Policy Committee Chairman Lynch reported on the amendment of the LORCO Sewer Regulations Chapter III "Connection, Fees, Permits and Billings" included in the board packet. Chairman Lynch and the policy committee recommended that the board adopt the amendment to policies 308.01 – 308.02. It was moved by James Wright to adopt the revised policies as written, with a second by Thomas Steigerwald. The motion was unanimously approved. Members are to update the pages in their policy manuals.

Policy Committee Chairman Lynch reported on the amendment of the LORCO Operating Policy, Chapter III – Connections, Fees, Permits and Billings, Section 312.04 that was enclosed in the board packets. The board approved the revision at the March meeting. The only action required is to update the page in the member's policy manual.

Executive Director Berner updated the members on current efforts. Most of the visits to the member communities will be completed by the end of April, with Kipton and Rochester Villages left in May and June. He discussed the financial report, news articles and public information included in the board packets.

Executive Director Berner reported that he has gathered most of the information needed to do a rate evaluation. He anticipates having a proposal next month and asked Policy Committee Chairman Lynch to schedule a meeting in May to review the rate study information.

Executive Director Berner informed the board that a public information meeting for Eaton and Carlisle Township residents has been scheduled for April 27, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on connecting to the system and to provide information on funding options to those residents. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the East Carlisle Building at 1959 Grafton Road in Elyria. A copy of the public notice placed in the Rural-Urban Record was distributed at the meeting.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines, gave an update on the Phase-I construction. Over 19 miles of pipe line is in the ground.

Ms. Haines stated that due to legal action being pursued by Eaton Township Trustees against Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, all landowners concerns are being discussed with the property owners instead of the trustees. Cases of vandalism and threats from residents have been documented and forwarded to the Lorain County Sheriff's Department. Once a resolution is made with the lawsuit, direct communication with the trustees can resume.

Ms. Haines shared a copy of the April edition of the Buckeye Engineer, a publication of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, which included a 2-page article on the Phase-1 project.

Other Business:

Before moving into executive session, President McConnell called for any other business to come before the board and asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks.

John Piwinski thanked President McConnell and Executive Director for attending New Russia Township's trustee meeting. Laura Bishop voiced concerns with the lack of sewer availability for Capel Road east of Cowley. Carl Denk remarked on the escalated construction schedule.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Cindy Kurpely with a second by Ernest Hartman to move into executive session for discussion of pending litigation at 8:05 p.m. A roll call was taken and all members present at the regular meeting responded yea. The motion was unanimously approved.

The members took a break until 8:10 p.m. and then went into executive session. The members reconvened into regular session at 9:08 p.m. All board members were present and no action was taken.

Adjourn:

Policy Committee Chairman Lynch informed the members that the Policy Committee will meet at the LORCO office on May 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the rate study information forthcoming from Executive Director Berner.

With no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Ernest Hartman with a second by Thomas Lahetta to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.