

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
September 9, 2010**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at 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:

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

James McConnell	Thomas Lahetta	Gerald Cowie
Cindy Kurpely	Neil Lynch	James Wright
Dominic Ferritto	John Piwinski	Howard Born
Rick Hutman	James Woodrum	Louise Grose
Ernie Hartman	Bob Meilander (A)	Jason Richardson

Absent:

Rita Canfield

Also in Attendance:

Becky Haines, ALMU-Special Projects Administrator
Robert Berner, Executive Director
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Council

Swearing In:

A new trustee from Eaton Township, Jason Richardson, was sworn in by Attorney O'Toole.

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell stated that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 12, 2010 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Dominic Ferritto with a second by James Wright to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Rate Study – the rate study reviewed by the Policy Committee and the Finance Committee was distributed in the board packets. Executive Director Berner discussed the study briefly and recommended the rate study be returned to committee to consider a third rate plan option of a standard rate charged each month not directly tied to water meter readings. The rate study will be reviewed at a joint policy/finance committee meeting at a later date to be determined.

New Business:

President McConnell gave a brief update on the system tour at last months meeting.

The legal report – Attorney O'Toole had not report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by John Piwinski a second by Cindy Kurpely. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner briefly discussed the financial statement and commented on Insurance expense and increase in treatment cost from Grafton. He also updated the board on a meeting with Paulette Huber of Poggemeyer Design concerning the Village of Kipton. He informed the board of a meeting on October 7th with USDA on funding and also informed board of his attendance at the August 23rd Fair Breakfast. Finally on updates he informed the board of the Planning Commissions approval of Carpenter Farms Subdivision in Eaton Township.

Executive Director Berner discussed the news articles and public information included in the board packets.

Executive Director Berner informed the board of the change to the FPA pending before the NOACA Board on September 10th. This change received full support from the Lorain County Commissioners and the Lorain County Engineer.

The change in the FPA will allow service to properties on Royalton Road. A motion was made by Ernie Hartman and seconded by Tom Lahetta to approve a change order of \$7,780.00 to extend the sewer line to serve these customers subject to NOACA approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Berner raised the issue of sewers in LaGrange Township and informed the board of the invitation to the LaGrange Township Trustees to attend the board meeting. He further recommended that, do to the cost and lack of customers associated with the Parsons Road sewer east of Indian Hollow Road, this portion of the contract should be eliminated. It was moved by James Wright and seconded by Cindy Kurpely to eliminate this portion of the project. The motion was unanimously approved.

LaGrange Township trustees Gary Burnett and Marlon Ford were in attendance. It was discussed that Executive Director Berner attend a work-session with the trustees to discuss future planning in LaGrange Township. Trustee Burnett will contact Executive Director Berner for a date.

Executive Director Berner apologized to the board for his signing of a letter to the newspapers concerning a political issue.

Becky Haines updated the board on Phase I. She reviewed contactor status on contracts 1B, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A and 1A. She also informed board of \$778,000 in ARRA funds had been spent in August. Finally, she shared concerns with some residents refusal to sign right of entry to have grinder pumps installed.

Other Business:

President McConnell asked if there were any comments from the board.

Trustee Richardson raised an issue on Dye Rd and St. Rt. 82.

President McConnell asked if there were any comments from the audience.

Del Roig had questions with FPA on Rt 82, a letter sent to homeowners and comments on homes 200' or more from the road.

Carl Denk raised an issue with electrical connections to grinder pumps.

David Botus asked about operating cost for forced mains.

Mr. Taylor questioned why Hidden Lake Drive was included and Ravines Edge was not.

Mr. Janda had questions concerning why some people have to connect and others do not.

A motion was made by Ernie Hartman and seconded by Cindy Kurpley to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:32 pm. Motion passed 14-0 with 1 no vote.

Adjourn:

The board returned to regular session at 9:25 and with no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Ernie Hartman to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the LORCO Offices, 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio.

President

Secretary-Treasurer