

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
February 3, 2011**

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:

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

James McConnell	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Kurpely	Jason Richardson
Rick Hutman	John Piwinski	Ernest Hartman
Jim Woodrum	Louise Grose	Rita Canfield

Absent: James Wright, Howard Born, Dominic Ferritto, Bob Meilander

Also in Attendance:

Dennis O'Toole, Attorney
John Kniepper, Consultant, ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Gerald Cowie, with a second by Ernie Hartman to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

President McConnell reminded board members whose terms expire on March 31, 2011 of the need to be re-appointed. He indicated Director Berner would be sending letters to each community. President McConnell also asked if any board members had preferences on committee assignments. He will be making assignments prior to next meeting and if any member had a preference to contact him.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02 a resolution recognizing the years of service to Dorothy Collins was moved by Rita Canfield, with a second by Ernie Hartman, The motion was unanimously approved.

Attorney O'Toole had no report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Jim Woodrum, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported on current efforts. He met with Mayor Schmitz of South Amherst and discussed sewers for the village. He also reported on scheduling a meeting in Eaton Township in March prior to the connection letter going out. Finally, he updated board on putting together a publication to educate member communities on the value of collection sewers and developing sewers.

John Kniepper from Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, gave an update on the Phase-I construction. He indicated the Rt. 82 extension to Hawke Rd. is complete, contract 5B is stringing pipe, Elite has bored the Railroad on Indian Hollow, and contract 3B is substantially complete. He further added contracts 1B and 2B are done. He shared with the board pictures of the generator delivered to the Four-Plex pump station and updated status on 5A and 5C.

Other Business:

President McConnell recognized Neil Lynch to update board on Policy Committee. Mr. Lynch discussed tap-in fees for existing customers who do not connect upon the availability of the Phase-I sanitary collection system and grinder pump right-of-entry installation issues. He discussed the Policy Committee's recommendation for revisions to Chapter III, Section 308.02 of the LORCO Sewer Regulations to address the issues. First, the Policy Committee recommended a cut-off date for existing homes to connect of 90 days from the certification date, in order to obtain the lower \$5,000 tap-in fee available to existing homeowners. Existing homeowners connecting to the LORCO Phase-I Sanitary System later than 90-days after the Certification Date would be subject to the tap-in fee for "new construction" residential homes. Second, the Policy Committee recommended changes to grinder pump installation adding a \$2,000 fee for new home construction, existing homes where a signed "Right-of-Entry" form is not provided by February 15, 2011, and for existing homes not connected within 90-days of the Certification Date. Third, the Policy Committee recommended a \$7.50 per foot fee for grinder pump installation for each additional foot in excess of 200-foot standard installation requirement,, and finally, property owners requiring grinder pumps will be responsible for landscape restoration.

Following discussion, Mr. Lynch asked for a motion to allow the executive committee to make the changes to code section 308.02 to incorporate these changes. Discussion from Ernie Hartman and Jason Richardson ensued concerning clarification on the fees. A motion was made from Ernie Hartman and seconded by John Piwinski to authorize Executive Committee to make the recommended changes to the code. Donna Hicks had a landscape question. Following discussion the motion was passed 12-0.

Additional items to come before the board, John Piwinski scheduled a finance committee meeting for March 10, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

President McConnell asked for audience participation. Elizabeth Rattray had questions concerning letter she received on grinder pump connection. Donna Hicks had a question concerning the Right Of Way clarification and why the sewers were not extended further north on Island Road. Rob Scheithauer of the Lorain County Township Trustees and Clerks Association presented information concerning the money collected in 1996 from the townships on a sewer feasibility study.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Ernest Hartman, with a second by John Piwinski to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer