

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
MARCH 10, 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	Rita Canfield
James Wright	Tom Steigerwald	John Piwinski
Ernest Hartman	Jim Woodrum	Bob Meilander

Absent: Howard Born, Jason Richardson, Louise Grose, Rick Hutman

Also in Attendance:

John Kniepper, Consultant for ALMU
Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 3, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Ernie Hartman, with a second by Tom Lahetta to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

President McConnell called for John Piwinski to update the board on the Finance Committee discussion on the rate study. John Piwinski indicated the Finance Committee looked at the recommendations from the Policy Committee and the discussion to keep the current rate structure in place to the end of 2011. He further commented on the issue of breaking out the monthly bills to show the components in each bill. He discussed the committee's desire to establish a reserve fund and to bill accordingly. Ernie Hartman raised the issue of the reserve fund and questioned the need if the bill included O & M. Neil Lynch commented that the reserve fund is current policy and the amount is open for discussion. Following the Finance Committee report President McConnell asked if the board wanted to introduce a motion concerning the rate study.

A motion was made by Cindy Kurpely to keep current rate plan to the end of 2011 and was seconded by Ernie Hartman. Motion carried 12- 0.

New Business:

President McConnell reported no meeting was held in March between ALMU and LORCO. He also commented on the retirement party for John Kniepper. President McConnell announced Ernie Hartman informed him of his desire to not be re-appointed to the LORCO board as a trustee representing Huntington Township. President McConnell thanked him for his service and commented Ernie had been one of the original board members and was instrumental in the formation of LORCO.

Attorney O'Toole was not present and no legal report was given.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Tom Lahetta, with a second by Ernie Hartman, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported on the payment of accounting fees to LMRE for services in 2010. He further discussed current efforts on developing sewers for Kipton Village and meeting with the Wakeman Village Council on February 14, 2011. He informed the board of attending the general membership meeting of the North Coast Building Industry Association. He also informed the board of the obituary notice for Dorothy Collins husband.

Executive Director Berner updated the members on the public meeting scheduled for March 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Christian Community School in Eaton Township to discuss connection procedures and tap-in fee payments. He further added the LORCO annual report is complete and will be published. He informed the board of the governing board meeting of NOACA to adopt the FPA changes with Elyria scheduled for March 11th. He also distributed personal information forms for board members so he can update the LORCO roster.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She indicated Fabrizi was working on contract 5B and while doing so ruptured a gas main near the border of Avon and Sheffield Village. They also have 2 large bores to complete under the Ohio Turnpike and the railroad crossing. She updated the board on the progress of the pump stations and indicated the brick was going up on the 4-plex station and the odor control building was having the mechanical equipment installed. Jim McConnell questioned her about the bore under St.Rt. 10. She responded they have spoken with Dave Sugar Construction and have involved ALMU legal council to send letter on performance to the contractor and the contractor's bond council.

John Kniepper was asked about the scheduled completion date of the project by Jim McConnell. Mr. Kniepper responded the date depends on the status of the Dave Sugar contract. He commented on the large number of change orders from Sugar and believes he might have money problems. Jim Woodrum asked Mr. Kniepper about the generator issue raised at the last meeting. Mr. Kniepper responded they are working on a walkway platform.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. No board members had any comments. Public comments were heard from:

Del Roig asked about the current rate structure and wanted clarification on the \$7.50 charge for grinder pump installation beyond the 200'.

Carl Denk had three questions. His first was concerning raising tap-in fees. His second was a question on the reserve fund and his third question was to comment on updating the LORCO web page.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Tom Lahetta, with a second by Gerald Cowie to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer