

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
APRIL 14, 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
Barry Taylor	Tom Steigerwald	John Piwinski
Mary Beth Derikito	Jim Woodrum	Howard Born
Jason Richardson	Louise Grose	

Absent: Rick Hutman, Bob Meilander

Also in Attendance:

Rich Radachi, CPA
Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Consultant

Swearing In of Board Members:

Executive Director Berner administered the Oath of Office to the following board members:

Mary Beth Derikito – Huntington Township
Rita Canfield – LaGrange Township
John Piwinski – New Russia Township, Patricia Brubaker, Alternate
James McConnell – Pittsfield Township
Gerald Cowie – Rochester Township
Louise Grose – Wellington Township

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Jim Woodrum, with a second by Cindy Kurpely 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 meeting concerning the tap fee assessment procedures. John Piwinski indicated the Finance Committee looked at the types of assessments and presented information from Rich Radachi, CPA. Mr. Radachi explained the benefit of

a level payment amortization schedule with the outstanding balance on assessments presented to the county auditor each year. Del Roig from Eaton Township was in the audience and raised a question concerning the county auditor's collection fee. It was explained this fee is decided by the auditor, currently 4% and is charged on the dollar amount collected every 6 months.

A motion was made by John Piwinski and seconded by Tom Steigerwald to adopt the recommendation of the finance committee to use the level payment assessment with the 20 year amortization schedule and submit the outstanding balance to the county auditor each year at a 5% interest rate with any additional payment of principal to be made directly to LORCO and credited against the property owners outstanding balance on their tap fee. All voted yea. Motion carried.

New Business:

President McConnell reported a thank you note was received from former board member Dorothy Collins thanking the board for remembering the passing of her husband Leslie. He informed the board of the new committee assignments which were distributed to their places. He mentioned a correction in Cindy Kurpely's phone number. He mentioned a meeting was held on April 7th with ALMU and LORCO.

Attorney O'Toole had no new information to report for the legal report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Gerald Cowie, with a second by Cindy Kurpely, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report with no unusual issues for the month. He further discussed current efforts on developing sewers for Kipton Village and meeting with the PUC of Oberlin on April 5, 2011.

Executive Director Berner updated the members on the public meeting on March 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Christian Community School in Eaton Township to discuss connection procedures and tap-in fee payments. The meeting was attended by approximately 200 people. The weather was inclement and people had trouble finding sufficient parking. Executive Director Berner informed the board him and Bob Goard from the Health Department answered resident's questions until 9:00 pm.

He further informed the board of a meeting scheduled for April 27, 2011 at the East Carlisle Building at 2:00 pm for contractors to discuss the installation procedures. He informed the board of policy changes necessary to ensure proper connections, fines and procedures to be followed for people connecting to the system. These issues will be brought to the Policy Committee on May 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

Finally, Executive Director Berner reported on the annual Ohio Rural Water Association meeting in May. It was decided to have Dominic Ferrito represent LORCO with Mary Beth Derikito as the LORCO alternate.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She indicated Fabrizi was finishing the bore under the Turnpike and once this is complete they will have approximately 2000' of pipe left to install. She urged Eaton and Carlisle Townships to contact USDA to seek rural assistance grants as funds are available. She concluded by discussing lawn restoration procedures and the contractors would be starting after April 15th.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. Mary Beth Derikito indicated Fred Alspach had recently undergone back surgery. President McConnell then asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. Public comments were heard from:

Del Roig asked about assessments, a question concerning a “hot tap” of the sewer line, timing of the inspections, the monthly rates, how many new customers per year are in the projection and if any discussion has occurred concerning the east side of Hawke Road connecting.

Carl Denk had a question on gravity connections.

With no other public comments President McConnell called for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. A motion was made by Rita Canfield and seconded by Barry Taylor to go into executive session at 7:46 pm. The motion was approved 14 yeas and 0 no.

Adjourn:

The board reconvened to regular session at 8:24 and with no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Tom Steigerwald, with a second by Howard Born to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer