

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
January 12, 2012**

**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	Rick Hutman	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Korpely	Tom Steigerwald (A)
John Piwinski	Neil Lynch	Jim Woodrum
Bob Walrod (A)	Mary Beth Derikito	Berry Taylor (A)
Bob Meilander	Howard Born	Rita Canfield

**Absent:** Louise Grose

**Also in Attendance:**

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

**Election of Officers:**

Mr. O'Toole asked for nominations for officers to serve the LORCO Board for 2012. Mary Beth Derikito nominated Jim McConnell to serve as President. Howard Born moved to close nominations and call for the vote. It was seconded by Jim Woodrum and the vote was unanimous. Mr. O'Toole then called for nominations for Vice-President. Gerald Cowie nominated Neil Lynch. Cindy Korpely moved to close nominations and call for the vote. It was seconded by Berry Taylor and the vote was unanimous. Mr. O'Toole then called for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Cindy Korpely nominated Tom Lahetta. Rita Canfield moved to close nominations and call for the vote. It was seconded by Cindy Korpely and the vote was unanimous.

**Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees. Berry Taylor asked for a correction to his name spelling. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito with a second by Berry Taylor to approve the minutes as corrected. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

President McConnell called on Cindy Korpely to discuss the dedication ceremony. Cindy Korpely reported donations were coming in slow. She also

confirmed the date and location as January 28, 2012 at the East Carlisle Building. She reported invitations went out on Monday.

**New Business:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President McConnell asked the board for input on the 2012 meeting schedule. It was agreed to continue holding regular board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the LORCO offices. The exception would be the February meeting which will be on the first Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito and seconded by John Piwinski to confirm meeting schedule for 2012. All voted aye and the motion carried. President McConnell also reported there would be an executive session at the end of the board meeting for the purpose of reviewing the executive director's job performance. He concluded his report by asking for a Policy Committee Meeting to be held prior to the February Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

**LEGAL REPORT** – Mr. O'Toole had nothing new to report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – John Piwinski reported the finance committee met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the rates for Barrington Park. They recommend not changes to the rate structure for 2012. He further reported the committee reviewed the tap-in fee charge for new connections. The committee also recommended no changes to the tap-in fee be made but the committee did want the Policy Committee to review the procedures for new connections.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01 for payment of payroll and bills was presented. Tom Steigerwald inquired about the copy and postage expenses. Executive Director Berner replied they had been deferred for 2011 but would begin to be paid on a monthly basis beginning in 2012. It was moved by Cindy Kurpely, with a second by Tom Lahetta to approve the resolution, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated with the income from the Phase I Cooperative Agreement expenses would no longer be deferred. He informed the board concerning the article in today's Chronicle Telegram. He informed the board he sent out the invitations for the Dedication Ceremony.

Executive Director Berner informed the board concerning the meeting on January 24, 2012 to review the findings of the work group on regional wastewater treatment and invited them to attend the meeting. He also reported he was working on the financial forecast for the Phase I project and has some updated figures. He also indicated he met with Todd Danielson of ALMU to discuss working in the Avon Lake office one or two days per week to assist on the administration of the Phase I customers. He concluded his report by confirming the need for a Policy Committee Meeting to review lateral jurisdiction.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines reported on activities with connections. She indicated they were working on closing out construction contracts and reviewing punch lists. Bob Walrod asked her about his yard repair and she indicated she would speak with the contractor. Cindy Kurpely asked her about the punch list and she responded most of what remains are restoration issues. She concluded by indicating there are now 573 homes connected.

**Other Business:**

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. None was presented.

President McConnell then asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. Public comments were heard from:

Carl Denk commented he would like to see the sewer bills with itemized costs.

Donna Hicks commented people are delaying paying tap-in fees because of restoration issues. She also asked Executive Director Berner about the responsibility of home owners' lines from the main line. He replied this would be the issue discussed at the February Policy Committee Meeting.

President McConnell called for a motion to move to executive session. A motion was made by Cindy Korpely and Seconded by Tom Steigerwald to move into executive session at 7:36 pm. The vote was 15 yes and 0 no to go into executive session.

The board returned to regular session at 8:17pm.

**Adjourn:**

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Tom Steigerwald and Seconded by Bob Walrod to adjourn at 8:18 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer