

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
February 2, 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	Louise Grose	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Kurpely	Tom Steigerwald (A)
John Piwinski	Neil Lynch	Jim Woodrum
Jason Richardson	Mary Beth Derikito	Rita Canfield

Absent: Rick Hutman, Bob Meilander, Howard Born, Jim Wright

Also in Attendance:

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

Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2012 had been mailed to all the trustees. It was moved by Tom Lahetta with a second by Tom Steigerwald to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Jim Woodrum questioned president McConnell on the issue of Township Trustees serving on the LORCO Board. He responded the selection of LORCO board members is a decision made by the individual member communities and up to them to decide who will be the member delegate chosen by the township to represent them and LORCO does not appoint the board trustees.

New Business:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President McConnell commented on meeting with the ALMU discussions are progressing. He further commented on the Phase I Dedication Ceremony held last Saturday and noted it was well attended. He concluded his report by asking members if they wanted to change committee assignments as he will be making committee assignments for 2012 at the March LORCO meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03 for payment of payroll and bills was presented at the meeting due to the early date of the meeting it was not available for mailing prior to the meeting. It was moved by Gerald Cowie with a second by Mary Beth Derikito 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 deferred expenses are now showing up on the pay items monthly.

Executive Director Berner informed the board of his attendance at the meetings on January 24, 2012 to review the findings of the work group on regional wastewater treatment. He thanked the board members who were able to attend the meeting. He further commented on the benefits of regional treatment for LORCO. He also reported he met with Poggemeyer Design Group and received information on funding feasibility studies through grants available. He thanked those who attended the Dedication Ceremony and commented on a press release sent out by ALMU.

Executive Director Berner updated the board on the financial forecast and the final home count. He also circulated a form asking members who choose to receive their board packets electronically to sign-up for email board packets. He indicated the postage alone on each board packet is a minimum of \$1.30 per month.

Executive Director Berner concluded by answering questions from member Rita Canfield concerning new township trustees. He responded he would be setting up an orientation for newly elected township officials and would also be working more in 2012 to do education on the impacts of sanitary sewers in townships. He further added he would be scheduling times in 2012 to attend each member community monthly meetings also.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – Neil Lynch, Chairman of the Policy Committee reported on the meeting held prior to the board meeting. The committee recommended a change to Section 307.01 and Section 104.14 (a). Section 307.01 defines the maintenance of the sanitary connection line from the main line to the building and also clarifies the responsibility of who will do repair or replacement of the lateral portion of the service line. Section 104.14(a) added the definition of Lateral to the user manual. Questions were asked by Tom Steigerwald and John Piwinski for clarification. It was moved by Cindy Kurpely and Seconded by John Piwinski to approve the changes to both sections of the manual as proposed. The vote was 12-0 to accept the changes.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines reported on activities with connections. She indicated there would be bid openings for the Royalton Road and Robson Road connections on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 12:00 noon. She indicated residents are complying with connections since receiving the Health Department letter but weather has been problematic. She commented the collection system had been videoed and 4 connections had been found to have storm water infiltration.

Jason Richardson questioned her on repairs and money held on retainage.

Donna Hicks asked how long the maintenance bond was and was told the maintenance bond is for 1 year from final payment.

Neil Lynch asked a question on the number of home owners that still needed restoration.

She concluded by indicating there are now 603 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. There were none.

Adjourn:

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Tom Steigerwald and Seconded by Cindy Korpely to adjourn at 7:54 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer