

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
August 9, 2007**

**Call to Order –**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO office located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090. President Jim McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Trustees in Attendance –**

Barbara Harper	Thomas Lahetta	John Piwinski
Jim Wright	Doug Edwards	Dominic Ferritto
Ernest Hartman	Jim McConnell	Gerald Cowie
Dwaine Clinker		Neil Lynch

**Also in Attendance –**

Fred Alspach, Executive Director  
Becky Haines, Administrative Assistant  
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Counsel

**Absent –** Rick Hutman, Scott Grills, Joseph Knoble, Dennis Schumaker, and Dorothy Collins

**Approval of the Minutes –**

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2007 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by Barbara Harper with a second by Gerald Cowie to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business –**

Executive Director Fred Alspach reported on the Anti-degradation issues submitted by the Ohio EPA and the resolutions suggested by GRW Engineers. He continued with a recommendation to enter into an agreement with URS Consultants, an environmental consulting organization, to complete the required wetlands study in accordance with the Permit to Install. He also reported on an application review meeting held with Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) offices today.

A motion was made by John Piwinski with a second by Jim Wright authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement with URS Consultants to complete the wetlands study on Phase One. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The Letter of Obligation from USDA-Rural Development had been received approving the Loan Guarantee Commitment. Currently professional staff for both FirstMerit Bank and LORCO is reviewing the conditions that accompanied the letter for approval before executing the acceptance.

**New Business –**

President McConnell asked if Carlisle Township wanted to host the September board meeting. Carlisle Township representative Jim Wright suggested the meeting be held at their East Carlisle facility.

A motion was made by Ernest Hartman with a second by John Piwinski approving the September 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting be held in Carlisle Township. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Attorney O’Toole had prepared and recommended approval of the LORCO – Grafton Agreement Addendum in which LORCO would provide sanitary sewer connections to four residences on the east side of Grafton Road and south of Glendalough Lane in Eaton Township.

A motion was made by Barbara Harper with a second by Thomas Lahetta to approve the LORCO-Grafton Agreement Addendum. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2007-13** Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Dominic Ferritto with a seconded by Dwaine Clinker WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payroll 06/17/07 - 06/30/07	\$	1,419.23
Payroll 07/01/07 – 07/14/07	\$	1,443.27
Payroll 07/15/07 – 07/28/07	\$	1,443.27
Verizon – landline for June	\$	51.77
Verizon – landline for July	\$	60.91
OPERS – July contribution	\$	849.20
Neace Lukens – Annual Premium	\$	2,438.00
North Grafton Realty LLC, Weber lateral	\$	3,975.00
North Grafton Realty LLC, Hamm lateral	\$	3,975.00
North Grafton Realty LLC, Myers lateral	\$	3,975.00
LORCO – petty cash reimbursement	\$	84.93
FirstMerit – federal deposit for July	\$	622.17
Bramhall Engineering – inspection fees Barrington Estates	\$	4,319.97
Chronicle Telegram – legal notice	\$	1,184.69
LMRE – August rent	\$	250.00
LMRE – Administrative Contract for August	\$	7,036.43

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) That in anticipation of receiving permanent construction funding with a financing guarantee from the USDA/ Rural Development, the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may be required to expend or incur cost for planning and/or fees for the purpose of making capital improvements to their wastewater collection facility, which costs expended or incurred will be considered a part of the total USDA/Rural Development construction loan and the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may claim such costs as reimbursable expenses through the loan.
- 2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of

Trustees and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Vote resulted as follows: 11 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director Alspach reviewed the weekly staff reports, correspondence, and relative news articles and the events since the last board meeting. He had prepared and passed out a narrative on "How Decisions Are Considered" which explains the coordinated effort and decision making necessary to make LORCO a viable entity.

Administrative Assistant Haines presented the financial reports and called for any questions. She also reported on a meeting held at USDA-Rural Development and provided folders of information for the members to review in the event they need funding for projects or equipment.

**Other Business –**

After responding to various inquiries from the audience, President McConnell called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property issues.

A motion was made by Ernest Hartman with a second by Doug Edwards to move into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. A roll call vote was taken. All voted yea. Motion passed.

At 8:50 P.M. President McConnell declared the end of Executive Session and resume regular session.

A motion was made by Barbara Harper with a second by Ernest Hartman to authorize compensation for the acquisition of permanent easements at a cost not to exceed \$2.00 per linear foot. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by President McConnell with a second by Dominic Ferritto to adjourn at this time 8:55 PM and meet again in regular session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at the Carlisle Township facility located at 1959 Grafton Road, Elyria, Ohio. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary Treasurer

