

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
June 13, 2013**

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	Rick Hutman
Cindy Kurpely	Louise Grose	Gerald Cowie
John Piwinski	Mary Beth Derikito	Thomas Lahetta
Rita Canfield	Dominic Ferritto	Jim Woodrum
Mike Hill	Bob Walrod	

Absent: Howard Born and James Wright

Also in Attendance:

Robert Berner, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 9, 2013 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the special meeting held on June 4, 2013 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by Louise Grose to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried

Old Business:

None

New Business:

President McConnell asked for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. It was moved by Cindy Kurpely and seconded by Gerald Cowie to go into executive session at 7:05 pm. The roll was called and the vote was 14 – 0 to go into executive session. The board returned to regular session at 7:17 pm.

A motion was made by Cindy Kurpely and to accept the terms of employment for Fred Alspach at \$40.00 per hour on an as needed basis as the interim executive director. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth Derikito with the vote being all ayes.

President McConnell informed the board of the meeting held on June 3, 2013 at Pheasant Run Village (PRV) with the residents. He informed the board there were approximately 75 in attendance and there was no clear comparison of the options available to PRV.

He informed the board of a meeting he and executive director Berner attended with Todd Danielson at ALMU. They discussed the Phase I financial forecast and the need to have only one forecast. He informed the board the meeting also involved discussions concerning; billing process, O & M expenses and a conversation with Rich Kasten of ALMU concerning project maintenance. He informed the board of a concern with a limited battery back-up time for pump station flow meter readings being sent to the plant. The meeting also involved discussion with Todd Danielson on the disparity between the pump station readings and the Rural Water readings, infiltration issues and ways to reduce expenses with possible changes to the cooperative agreement.

Rita Canfield questioned the difference between Rural Water readings and the pump station meters.

Neil Lynch clarified the treatment cost charges.

Del Roig asked if manhole covers are sealed.

Neil Lynch also asked how many existing homes there are in PRV. Ex. Dir. Berner responded 526.

President McConnell clarified it would likely be this fall before PRV would take action on any plan.

Rita Canfield thought the board should know the options PRV are considering.

Jim McConnell informed the board PRV is considering: Maintaining the status quo, upgrading their plant, connecting to the Village of LaGrange and LORCO.

Del Roig asked how many homes would be along the route.

No Legal Report

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Jim Woodrum, The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16 allowing for the change of signatures on the FirstMerit NA. account was moved by Tom Lahetta, with a second by Cindy Korpely, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported there were no new news article since the board packets went out. He updated the board on the meeting at Pheasant Run and informed them of the mixed reactions to the proposal. He summarized the meeting as LORCO presenting PRV with a long term solution as opposed to a short term fix which the homeowners favored. He informed the board of the NOACA Water Quality Committee meeting on June 19, 2013 he would be attending to discuss FPA changes. He presented changes to the wastewater treatment agreement with the Village of Grafton affecting Barrington Estates. He informed the board the amendments were required because the next phase of Barrington calls for a second connection to the Grafton collection system while the treatment agreement only allows for one connection. After reviewing all the changes, a motion was made by Cindy Korpely and seconded by Mary Beth Derikito to approve the changes in the draft document that were in red and not to adopt the changes in blue. The motion passed with all voting aye.

Ex. Dir. Berner then presented the May report from ALUM.

The May report from ALMU:

890 homes are connected
1,070 customers were billed in May for \$58,727.84.
Meter reading at pump station from May 5- June 5 shows 4,382,170
gallons sent to plant for treatment.
Gallons of RLCWA 3,282,908
The treatment cost for May was \$10,242.67.
The May O & M expenses were: \$32,594.63
 \$12,167.96 wages and benefits
 \$347.66 office, billing expenses
 \$2,118.92 Utilities
 \$142.09 Operation and Maintenance
 \$1,768.00 RLCWA Meter Readings
 \$10,050.00 Annual Insurance Renewal
 \$6,000.00 Professional Services
LORCO received \$15,000 per Cooperative Agreement

Balance in Custodial Account: \$1,403,265.86

Booked Billable Hours for May: \$0.00

Ex. Dir. Berner continued his report informing the board of a letter received from the Ohio Development Services Agency informing LORCO it would not be funded with this round of funding for the LGIF Grant. He concluded his report by thanking the board for the privilege and opportunity to work for LORCO these last three and one half years.

President McConnell informed the board that Becky Haines would no longer be attending board meetings as a result of a meeting held between him, Neil Lynch, Todd Danielson and Rick Ebberle.

Cindy Korpely reported on the Phase I restoration efforts. She informed the board UUI will be completing Hawke Rd., Island Rd. and Brokaw Rd. as weather permits. Restoration has been completed at Flint Ridge and Royalton and Robson Road re-seeding to be completed in the thin areas. She said all repairs are in process but weather permitting.

John Piwinski said we need to have a better deadline date for completion.

Cindy Korpely replied she was told John Kniepper informed contractors the work had to be done by June 1, 2013.

Jim McConnell thanked Cindy for being the point person on this project.

President McConnell updated the board on the Ex. Dir. search schedule. He was told the board a deadline of July 7th was set for resumes and the executive committee would review them and begin the interviews. He asked the board to hold open July 25, 2013 as a potential board meeting date to present candidates for interview.

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 Comment:

Del Roig commented the Hawke Road restoration is a LORCO problem because ALMU is not doing the job of getting the contractor to restore the area and the residents are blaming LORCO even though this is ALMU's fault. He also asked Ex. Dir. Berner how many hook-ups were projected in 2013 and how many have connected to date. He responded 85 and 15 respectively. He concluded his comments by asking about the number of connections in PRV.

David Urig commented the infiltration of storm water into the system might not be a big problem now but will be in the future. He also wanted to know if there would be drop dead date for restoration.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dominick Ferritto and seconded by Cindy Kurpely to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All voted yes.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer