

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

Call to Order –

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO office, 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio pursuant to written notice. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance –

James Woodrum	James Wright (8:06 p.m.)	Gary McCort (A)
Dominic Ferritto	Ernest Hartman	Barbara Harper
John Piwinski	James McConnell	Gerald Cowie
Don Wittmer	Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins
Dwaine Clinker		Neil Lynch

Also in Attendance –

Fred Alspach, Executive Director
Becky Haines, Administrative Assistant
Russ McLaughlin, Legal Counsel
Abe Lieberman, Legal Counsel

Absent –

Rick Hutman and Ed Born

President McConnell called for any changes or additions to the agenda and Executive Director Alspach stated that amended agendas had been provided to the board members prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes –

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2006 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Thomas Lahetta to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Discussion began regarding the request for LORCO to relinquish a portion of their service territory of acreage annexed by the Village of LaGrange. Executive Director Alspach explained a conversation he had with Andy Vidra, Senior Environmental Planner for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) in which Mr. Vidra stated that NOACA would most likely award the Facility Planning Area (FPA) change to the Village of LaGrange if an application under NOACA's Policy 4-6b were filed.

A motion was made by Lahetta, with a second by Wittmer to acknowledge the Village of LaGrange's request of the Facility Planning Area Change for the specific area of annexed land identified in their letter dated December 6, 2005. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Director Alspach continued with discussion regarding the 201 FPA change requested by the Carlisle Township Trustees. The initial steps have been taken to begin the process through NOACA with a letter of intent to serve. Executive Director Alspach will speak with Andy Vidra requesting waiver from the Environmental Review Committee on producing a preliminary plan to serve until an All Parties meeting can be scheduled.

New Business –

President McConnell reported on a special meeting held at the LORCO office on January 26, 2006 for new trustees and councilpersons. The orientation was attended by several new trustees along with existing board members and staff. A lot of good discussion was held and the meeting was termed a success.

Resolution No. 2006-03 it was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by James Wright WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

William Carter Enterprises – name tags	\$	95.33
First Merit Visa – JVS Excel tuition	\$	195.00
LMRE – reimbursement for NISC fees & seminar	\$	812.22
State Auditor – additional audit fees for 2003 – 2004	\$	359.00
Payroll – 12/31/05 through 1/13/06	\$	1,389.96
Radachi & Co., CPA's – deferred	\$	3,248.00
Baumgartner & O'Toole Legal Professionals – deferred	\$	2,961.00
LMRE – February rent	\$	250.00
Bobbles – signature stamps	\$	89.85
First Merit – Direct deposit set up fee	\$	50.00
Payroll – 1/14/06 through 1/26/06	\$	1,389.96
OPERS – January contribution	\$	785.78
Verizon Telephone	\$	47.53

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: 14 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

Resolution 2006-04 Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that:

Moved by Barbara Harper, seconded by James Wright:

WHEREAS, Robert Gibbs Jr., who represents Wellington Township has served the LORCO Rural Wastewater District faithfully, and;

WHEREAS, Robert Gibbs Jr. has hereby fulfilled his term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and the following hereby recognized.

**"RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION"
TO
Robert Gibbs, Jr.**

On behalf of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District, I wish to extend our sincerest gratitude in the effort that you have put forth in support of the LORCO concept.

It is with this kind of support that projects, like LORCO, have and will become valued utilities that raise the level of comfort and health to a higher plain for rural Lorain County residents.

It is also with great appreciation that because of your dedication and effort and others like yourself, LORCO will be recorded in history as one of the most important enhancements to the rural way of life in Lorain County.

Good luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
James R. McConnell, President
February 9, 2006

All voted yea: Motion carried.

Adopted this 9th of February, 2006

Executive Director Alspach reviewed the current bank balance, expenditures, time sheet and news articles. He proceeded with an overview of a meeting held at the USDA Rural Development office on February 2, 2006. It is anticipated that once the recommendations presented by USDA Rural Development staff have been implemented that steps can be taken to finalize the guarantee of a construction loan. A meeting will be scheduled soon with staff of Ohio Water Development Agency to continue with the application process for the construction loan. The board will be updated as the process continues.

Executive Director Alspach also reported on a meeting held earlier in the week with Keith Comtois and Mark Roan of First Merit Bank. Discussion was had on extending the planning loan until November. A motion was made by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Thomas Lahetta for Executive Director Alspach to complete the extension process. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Haines requested the Board appoint a voting delegate and alternate to participate in the elections at the Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) Conference in April. By consensus the Board appointed Executive Director Alspach as voting delegate and Dominic Ferritto as alternate. Further a request was made for the Administrative Assistant to attend the ORWA Conference and the National Rural Water Association Conference. A motion was made by John Piwinski, with a second by Thomas Lahetta for the expenditure of reasonable funds for attendance to these functions. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Attorneys Abe Lieberman and Russ McLaughlin explained a necessary change to the proposed Tap-In Agreement, which will comply with USDA Rural Development's request for the language change. The Developers would commit to paying 10% of the allotted tap fees within thirty days after awarding construction bids. A motion was made by Thomas Lahetta, with a second by Ernest Hartman to accept the amended agreement. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Other Business –

President McConnell brought attention to a notice sent to members in board package of a training session identifying the responsibilities of the board and the administrative staff. All members and alternates are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the LORCO office. Please remember to bring your Bylaws, Administrative Policies, Personnel Policies and Operating Policies notebook to the meeting for reference.

President McConnell then called for any further business or comments from the audience. Robert White, Carlisle Township Trustee, asked that a meeting be scheduled in Carlisle and Eaton Townships for the residents to attend and be informed of the project and ask questions. It was moved by James Wright, with a second by James Woodrum to hold the May and June meetings at

the Carlisle and Eaton Townships and decide who will host which month by the March board meeting. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn –

President McConnell called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by Ernest Hartman to adjourn at this time 10:20 p.m. and meet again on March 9, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary-Treasurer