MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT APRIL 9, 2009

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:

Scott Grills Rick Hutman Gerald Cowie Dorothy Collins James McConnell James Wright Ernest Hartman Dennis Shumaker Cindy Kurpely

Doug Edwards John Piwinski Thomas Lahetta Neil Lynch

Also in Attendance:

John Kniepper, Chief Utilities Director, ALMU Dennis O'Toole, Attorney Helen Haddox, Office Manager Fred Alspach, Executive Director

Oath of Office:

Dennis O'Toole, Attorney to the Board, gave the oath of office to Dorothy Collins, Kipton Village. This term of office will expire March 27, 2012.

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2009 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Scott Grills, with a second by Gerald Cowie to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The LORCO Phase-I project bid opening was held today at noon. Executive Director Alspach reported that the preliminary review of the bidding indicates the bids are substantially lower than the estimated costs. GRW Engineers, Inc. is currently evaluating all bids and will report their findings as soon as they are complete. ALMU bid opening for the Pump Station and Force main that will support the LORCO Phase-I project will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 12:00 pm in the ALMU building.

New Business:

President McConnell reported that Calvin Woods, representing Wellington Township, has submitted a letter of resignation. It was noted that Mr. Shumaker, alternate representing Wellington Township, was in attendance at this meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-5 It was moved by Jim Wright, with a second by Ernest Hartman, WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payrolls disbursed on - 03/11/09 & 03/25/09

\$ 2,268.81

Chronicle Telegram – Public Notice to Bid 02/26/09 & 02/27/09	\$ 827.65
OPERS – contributions 02/21/09 – 03/20/09	\$ 592.13
North Coast Administrators – monthly health insurance	\$ 526.66
Lorain County Commissioners (Soil & Water Application Fee)	\$ 190.00
Ohio Treasurer of State – first quarter taxes	\$ 183.54
First Merit – federal payroll taxes for March	\$ 172.99
Bobel's Office Supply – computer printer and office supplies	\$ 120.19
LMRE – NISC monthly accounting software	\$ 95.63
First Merit – monthly analysis fee	\$ 57.19
Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA)	\$ 50.00
LMRE – administrative contract for February	\$ 7,174.94
Stumphauzer O'Toole – legal fees for 02/10/09 – 002/20/09	\$ 3,483.00
Radachi & Company – accounting fees for 01/08/09 – 02/25/09	\$ 2,842.00
LMRE – rent for February	\$ 250.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 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: 13 yea. 0 nay. Motion carried.

There was no legal report given at this time.

Executive Director, Fred Alspach, reviewed several memos to the board. He also stated that a customer use inquiry revealed that RLCWA water user's average is 5,200 gallon per month system wide. A recent report from the Ohio EPA had indicated statewide that 7,756 gallons per month is the average use. Both indications are correct. However, the RLCWA better reflects local conditions. This information is relative to monthly billing for sewer usage. By request of Doug Edwards, the board would like an update to the list of potential funding sources for low to moderate income and fixed income households.

The March list of deposits, disbursements and deferrals was reviewed.

Other Business:

President McConnell noted that an Executive Committee meeting is not scheduled for this month. He then acknowledged the board's praise and support for Trustee Dorothy Collins and the previous meeting motion to set parameters for audience participation in order to keep the meetings on track. The floor was opened to the audience with the following items were

discussed: Lorain's regional plant plan, who decided the route for LORCO sewers, request for public records while in litigation, perceived development in the next fifteen years, eminent domain and temporary versus permanent rights-of-way.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by John Piwinski to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 7:38 p.m. A roll call vote was taken showing all 13 members present voted yea and 0 nay. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Scott Grills to return to regular session at 8:20 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

There will be no Executive Committee meeting scheduled for April.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Ernest Hartman with a second by Cindy Kurpley to adjourn at this time 8:25 p.m. and meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the LORCO offices, 22898 West Rd. Wellington, OH. All voted yea. The motion carried.

President

Secretary-Treasurer