

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

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. Board president Kurpely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary-Treasurer Brubaker):

Will Schlechter	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	√
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Tom Steigerwald	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Carl Wesemeyer, Grafton Township; Markus Bryant, Lorain-Medina Rural Electric (LMRE) retired general manager; Ed VanHoose, LMRE general manager; various family members of former LORCO Executive Director Fred Alspach.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Board president Kurpely announced an addition to the agenda. Floor was turned over to Jim McConnell to introduce family members of former LORCO Executive Director Fred Alspach and to say a few words about tonight's dedication of the LORCO conference room in Fred's memory. Markus Bryant, retired LMRE general manager spoke and listed the LMRE and LORCO accomplishments of Fred. Various persons then spoke and gave their memories of Fred. McConnell displayed the memorial plaque and read the inscription. The plaque was then hung on the wall by Fred's widow, Suzie and pictures were taken.

McConnell introduced current LMRE general manager Ed VanHoose to those in attendance.

McConnell presented Markus Bryant with a retirement gift from the LORCO board – a wooden lamp with the LORCO logo.

Regular meeting activities resumed at 7:47 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Steigerwald to approve January 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None

President's Report:

Should only have to be out of town one more time in the foreseeable future for work-related business.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related January deposits and payments. It was moved by Schlechter, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 15 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-5 Approval of RLCWA-related January payments. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Steigerwald to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Lamb, Brubaker, Kurpely abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6 Approval of LMRE-related January payments. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Brubaker to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7 Reauthorization of funds. It was moved by Wright, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 15 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8 Deferred debt update. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Steigerwald to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 15 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Sent letters to 24 LORCO customers that are connected to the Phase 1 system but we do not receive a reading from RLCWA. LORCO operating policies state that a "special rate" will be developed for customers that do not have a metered water account. There have been a few clerical issues involving RLCWA but a majority of these accounts appear to be wells or cisterns. All these accounts are currently being billed the monthly minimum.
2. Reminder - LORCO board terms expire 3/27/19 for Camden, Carlisle, Eaton, Elyria, Grafton, and Henrietta townships.
3. Have documented numerous illegal discharges of surface water to the sanitary sewer collection system in the last couple of weeks. Discharge of surface water to a sanitary sewer is illegal according to federal and state laws as well as LORCO and Avon Lake Regional Water policies and procedures. Starting to work with Avon Lake Regional Water on a procedure to document and assess fines & penalties when an illegal discharge is discovered.
4. Hawke Road flow agreement addendum No. 1 – prepared by Dennis O'Toole. I reviewed and sent to the county's consultant for review with the county.
5. Columbia Township flow agreement – county submitted draft to LORCO. We responded with comments. County's consultant reviewed our comments and met with the county to discuss. Consultant says that the 2nd draft version is being reviewed by the county and will be forwarded to LORCO as soon as the county gives the go-ahead.

Other Business:

1. Post audit conference conducted by Auditor of State's office at 6 pm prior to tonight's meeting. Audit should be released within approximately two weeks.
2. Finance committee chair McConnell scheduled a committee meeting for 6 pm prior to the March board meeting.
3. Policy committee chair Lynch scheduled a committee meeting for 6 pm prior to the April board meeting.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Steigerwald and seconded by Lamb to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm and meet again on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer