

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
December 10, 2020**

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

Trustee Roll Call (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):

Will Schlechter	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Adam Mourton	√	Rick Hutman	√	Andy Gulish	
Jed Lamb		Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta		Jim Wright	
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

Changes to agenda:

Finance committee December 2, 2020 and Executive Committee December 10, 2020 meeting reports will be given prior to executive director report.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve November 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Executive Director Toy administered oath of office to Adam Mourton, Rochester Township alternate.

President's Report:

Masks will be mandatory for board members attending in-person meetings. We will make arrangements for board members to participate via Zoom. Jerry Cowie (Rochester Township) has resigned due to health reasons. Jim Wright (Carlisle Township) is recovering from Covid.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related November deposits and payments. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46 Approval of RLCWA-related November payments. It was moved by Berry with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47 Approval of LMRE-related November payments. It was moved by Berry, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48 Authorize WPCLF Application (Cinnamon Lake Fore Main project). It was moved by Berry, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49 Approve 2021 Budget. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Berry to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Report:

Board president Kurpely reported that an executive committee meeting was held at 6:30 pm to discuss executive director performance review forms. Review ratings were 94% overall with no categories lower than 86%. Executive committee recommends that the executive director receive a 3% salary increase and \$2,000 additional payment to health savings account, both to be effective January 1, 2021. It was moved by Wesemeyer, with a second by Cornelius to accept the executive committee's recommendation. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report:

Committee chair McConnell reported that a finance committee had been held December 2, 2020. The discussion had been spirited and energetic with many points of view put forth. Discussion was held regarding Avon Lake Regional Water treatment charges to LORCO since 2011 and that LORCO sewer rates had not kept pace with those increases. The finance committee recommends a 5% rate increase to rates in all sewer districts effective with bills that will be due in February. It was moved by Schlechter, with a second by Koch to accept the finance committee's recommendation. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Eaton Crossings (south side of SR 82 between Island Road and Reed Road. Had Zoom meeting with Atwell Engineering on Monday. Developer is Frontier Land Group out of Beechwood. 217 sublots with 2 commercial lots on the south side of 82. Additional land is being held for future development to the south. Tentatively looking at 5 phases. Plan to seek preliminary subdivision approval at January 2021 planning commission meeting.
2. 2018/2019 audit – AOS is working on other audits. They anticipate it will be late December to mid-January before they finish their review.

3. Met yesterday with representative of two incoming county commissioners. Positive meeting and the new commissioners look forward to a positive relationship with LORCO, other county entities and developers.
4. Records Commission met prior to tonight's meeting. Have proposed a list of records to be disposed of in accordance with LORCO's approve RC-2 schedule. List will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 2021 meeting.

Other Business:

None.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Schlechter and seconded by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm and meet again on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer