

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
May 11, 2023**

**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 (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):**

Will Schlechter		Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Bill Forthofer	√
Kathy Frombaugh	√	Rick Hutman	√	Scott Justin	
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta (arr. 7:02)	√	Jim Wright	√
		Dale Breining		Jim Woodrum	

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve April 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19 Approval of non-RLCWA-related April deposits and payments.** It was moved by Wright, with a second by Lamb to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 Approval of RLCWA-related April payments.** It was moved by Koch with a second by Frombaugh to approve the resolution. Lahetta arrived at 7:02 pm. The vote was as follows: 9 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely, Lamb and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21 Approve Then & Now Purchase Order.** It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Cornelius to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

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May 11, 2023 Project Status Summary		
Project	Location	Status
Eaton Crossing - Phase 1 (Frontier Land Group)	South side of State Route 82 between Island Road & Reed Road (near Schild's IGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still continuing to process plot plans and inspect new home construction</li> <li>• Phase 1 is 51 sublots beginning at Island Road &amp; heading east</li> <li>• Total project (Phases 1 through 5) - 217 homes on approximately 80 acres</li> </ul>
Woods at Eaton — Phase 1 (Jonathan Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still continuing to process plot plans and inspect new home construction</li> <li>• Phase 1 is 50 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.</li> <li>• Total project (Phases 1 and 2) - 220 homes on approximately 90 acres</li> </ul>
Barrington subdivision - Phase 10 (Yost Construction)	Barrington subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional plan review comments were sent to design professional and developer 5/8/23.</li> <li>• Developer was directed to resubmit scanned complete set of plans for review.</li> <li>• Developer is proposing to replace existing 15" sewer with properly-sized 8" sewer.</li> <li>• Concrete structures were ordered and delivered to the site without plans and shop drawings having been approved by LORCO or PTI issued by Ohio EPA.</li> <li>• Current plans call for sanitary sewer to be underneath the sidewalk and some manholes &amp; cleanouts to be within sidewalks and driveways.</li> <li>• Current plans include negative station numbers. This not generally accepted professional practice.</li> <li>• Had teleconference with design professional 5/10/23 to discuss a variety of issues.</li> <li>• 20 sublots in Phase 10.</li> </ul>
Cinnamon Lake - Force main	Cinnamon Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simonson Construction has been making steady progress on the project. As of today (5/11/23), all of the 8" force main pipe has been installed.</li> <li>• The crew will continue working on installing the four remaining air release assemblies and three Clean Out pits.</li> <li>• The portion of the force main East of Township Road 101 is 100% complete and Simonson is planning to pressure test tomorrow (5/12).</li> <li>• The project inspector and Simonson met with First Energy on April 28th to discuss the new electrical service for the lift station. At that time, the electric company was 6-8 weeks out on the electric service for the site (6/9-6/23). Talking with Simonson today, this will time out almost perfectly for them having the force main ready for start up. Once the electrical service is installed, Simonson will have approximately 2 weeks to complete the remainder of the electrical work and pump installation. <b>This puts start up for the force main 6/23 – 7/7.</b></li> <li>• Following start up, the remainder of the existing plant demolition will be completed and the driveway will be installed.</li> </ul>

- No additional monthly reports received from ALRW since February 2023 reports were received 4/4/23. These were sent out to LORCO board members prior to the April board meeting.
- Lift Stations 2 & 4 Improvements Permit to Install (PTI) No. 1561146 is under review by Ohio EPA.
- Lorain County agreed-upon FPA changes were recommended for approval at the last Planning and Programming Committee meeting (4/14/23.) Next step is tomorrow (5/12/23) at the Executive Committee meeting where they will set the agenda for the June 9th NOACA Board meeting. The agenda should include the Lorain County FPA changes. So, the changes are on track to be approved by the NOACA Board d in less than 1 month.
- Heard back today from Scott Dillen, Raintree Development. In March 2023, a Slife Road Easement Agreement Termination and a Slife Road Easement Agreement Grant had been sent to Raintree to execute and return. Raintree inquired as to after easement location expansion, what is the width of the opening that remains. According to Raintree, current county planning guidelines require 60' for ingress/egress and originally Raintree had set aside 100'. The easement as written is buffered with 50' from east property line. When the subdivision road right-of-way (R/W) gets dedicated at 60', a portion of the

sanitary easement gets relinquished as you don't have easements in public R/W. Assumption made is that Raintree will dedicate plan with public R/W. Raintree is going to review with Christin Brandon with Lorain County Community Development to confirm they are compliant with the future road right of way and then plans to move forward with further subdivision planning. Once easement is executed and recorded, Slife Road lift station replacement can proceed. Raintree is planning on approximately 580 sublots on their approximately 315 acres.

6. Ongoing discussions with Corey Timko, French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant about having Phase 1 flow go to French Creek instead of Avon Lake Regional Water. North Ridgeville has been approached recently and previously by ALRW about their possible interest in receiving flow from Phase 1. North Ridgeville is interested in adding regionalization partners and has reached out to LORCO, Lorain, Vermilion, and Grafton. Have provided North Ridgeville with a variety of LORCO operational and financial documents.
7. Received sanitary sewer forcemain easement and legal description documents from ABC Development (Sheetz – Chestnut Ridge Road.) Negotiations and discussions have been going on with Sheetz since early 2023. Necessary for the relocation of air release structures just south of Chestnut Ridge Road. Rt. 57 Chestnut Ridge, LLC ("Grantor"), and Lorain County Rural Wastewater District ("Grantee").
8. Seeing considerable unexpected expenses for pump rentals and contractor services at Cinnamon Lake due to lift station pump failures and sanitary sewer line collapse. Had a \$55,000 invoice for repair of a collapsed line on Cinnamon Drive in late 2022 and anticipate something similar due to a situation currently underway near the intersection of Laurel Drive and Ginko Drive. I anticipate that it will be necessary to review the 2023 budget and then meet with the Finance Committee to go over recommendations for potential rate and budget adjustments.

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Frombaugh to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm and meet again on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer