

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
August 10, 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	√	Jim Wright	
		Dale Breining	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Jim McConnell, Patti Brubaker

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Toy asked for Resolution 2023-39, Approve Award of Cinnamon Lake Lift Station Nos. 2 & 4 Improvements Project to Great Lakes Demolition Company LLC to be added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33 Recognizing Jim McConnell for Years of Previous Board Service. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Forthofer to approve the resolution. Kurpely offered the floor to McConnell to say a few words. McConnell was presented with a framed Resolution as well as a card and gifts from LORCO. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34 Approval of non-RLCWA-related July deposits and payments. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35 Approval of RLCWA-related July payments. It was moved by Koch with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely, Lamb and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36 Approve Changes to LORCO Operating Policy Chapter 6 (Contractor Licensing and Insurance). It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. Discussion followed. Several board members expressed concern about language subjecting property to licensing and insurance requirements for work they may perform on private property (i.e. parts of the system not owned by LORCO). Lamb withdrew his motion and Koch withdrew his second. Additional discussion followed. The board asked that the language be given further consideration and an amended Resolution brought back to the board at a future meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-37 Approve Reauthorization of Funds. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Breining to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38 Approve Then & Now Purchase Orders. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39 Approve Award of Cinnamon Lake Lift Station Nos. 2 & 4 Improvements Project to Great Lakes Demolition Company LLC. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Breining to approve the resolution. Toy reported that the engineer's recommendation had just been received today to award the project to Great Lakes Demolition Company LLC. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report:

Committee chair Woodrum reported that the Finance Committee met at 6 pm prior to the board meeting to discuss Avon Lake Regional Water treatment rate increases that will go into effect 1/1/2024. The committee recommends corresponding LORCO customer rate increases and a Resolution will be prepared for a future meeting agenda.

Executive Director Report:

1.

August 10, 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"> • Still continuing to process plot plans and inspect new home construction • Phase 1 is 51 sublots beginning at Island Road & heading east • Total project (Phases 1 through 5) - 217 homes on approximately 80 acres
Eaton Crossing - Phase 2	East of Phase 1. Connects Phase 1 (Island Road entrance) with Reed Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitary sewer construction started this week. Supposed to finish 8/18/23. • Phase 2 consists of 45 additional sublots.
Woods at Eaton — Phase 1 (Jonathan Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still continuing to process plot plans and inspect new home construction • Phase 1 is 50 sublots on south side of Cooley Road. • Total project (Phases 1 and 2) - 220 homes on approximately 90 acres
Woods at Eaton — Phase 2 (Yost/Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change from last month. • Phase 2 Permit to Install (PTI) issued by Ohio EPA 8/29/22. • Developer's goal is to have infrastructure built and concrete poured by the end of this year. • Had considered modifying Phase 2 to do only approximately 25 of the planned 53 sublots but the builder (Ryan Homes) wants all 53 sublots. • Phase 2 is 53 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.
Barrington subdivision - Phase 10 (Yost Construction)	Barrington subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should finish sanitary sewer construction this week. • 20 sublots in Phase 10.
Creekwood Golf Course - Reed Road	Don Mould	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional information since last month's meeting. • Provided sanitary sewer infrastructure information early last month in response to a request from Bramhall Engineering. Followed up with Bramhall this week. • Investigating potential development of Creekwood Golf Course - two parcels totalling approximately 147 acres on Reed Road just north of Brokaw Road.
Emerald Fairways - Brentwood Golf Course (SR 57)	BCK INVESTMENT LLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 8/15/23 Subdivision Review Subcommittee meeting agenda for preliminary approval. • Phase 1 consists of 10 sublots and construction of two streets.
Cinnamon Lake - Force main	Cinnamon Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still waiting on First Energy to install electrical service. • Force main pumps are on site. We are just waiting for the electrical service. As soon as the electrical service is complete, the pumps will be installed. • Master meter is on site and ready to be installed at the West Salem treatment plant. Once the pumps are installed, we will do start up and the rest of the Cinnamon Lake plant will be demolished.

2. Same ALRW monthly report status as July meeting. March 2023 monthly reports received 6/23/23 from ALRW. Sent out to LORCO board members via email 6/26/23. No additional monthly reports have been received since.
3. Sent email to Fiddlers Green, Phase 4 developer regarding LORCO tap fee changes in cases where Phase 1 FPA abuts another designated management agency (DMA). No reply/response.
4. The 2023 WPCLF nomination form hasn't been released by EPA yet. It is supposed to be out next week. The deadline for submission (typically August 31st) will extend into September, or 30 days after the release. Working with Makeever and Associates and RCAP on submitting for funding for remaining Cinnamon Lake lift station improvements.
5. Problems at 37405 Royalton Road. Lateral installed during Phase 1 construction under 82 to the south side. Property owner was not required at the time to connect but he was notified late last year by LCPH that he would have to connect. He hired a contractor in July to do the work and it was discovered then that the lateral had a backward slope. Working with insurance, legal counsel, ALRW, LCPH and property owner on solution.

6. Meeting 8/14/23 with Brandon Coates, Rea & Associates – Independence office. Mr. Coates will be the principal overseeing LORCO’s Custodial Fund worksheet reconciliation project. Rea is still working through their schedule to identify additional team members to complete the work. Kickoff meeting 8/14/23 and then Rea will proceed with drafting up a contract and next steps.
7. Met 7/20/23 with Gina Beim, NOACA Deputy Director, Integrated Project, Program and Plan Advancement in response to request from the Village of Grafton to have Midview Schools campus moved from ALMU/LORCO Phase 1 FPA to Grafton FPA. NOACA did not appear to previously have plans to engage Eaton Township, but I suggested to Ms. Beim that would probably be a good idea.
8. Vacation day tomorrow (Tri CLE.)

Other Business:

Lamb reported that the Opening Breakfast for the Lorain County Fair was on Monday and tickets could be purchased from any Lorain County Township Association member.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Schlechter and seconded by Breining to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and meet again on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer