

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

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.

President McConnell called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Scott Grills of Camden Township who passed away on February 1st, 2010.

Trustees in Attendance:

Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

James McConnell	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	James Wright	Rick Hutman
Tom Steigerwald (A)	John Piwinski	Dorothy Collins
Rita Canfield	Ernest Hartman	James Woodrum (A)
Howard Born		

Also in Attendance:

John Kniepper, Chief Utilities Executive ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director
Helen Haddox, Office Manager

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell stated that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2010 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by James Wright with a second by Ernest Hartman to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business to come before the board.

New Business:

President McConnell informed the board that letters of resignation were received from Eaton Township representative Douglas Edwards and alternate Frank Piskur. Should the township fail to appoint a successor within three months, the board would have the responsibility of appointing a replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Ernest Hartman with a second by Howard Born. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04 to extend the board's sincere gratitude and appreciation to the family of Scott Grills for his invaluable contributions made during his many years of selfless service to the Township and the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District. Motion was made by Howard Born with a second by Rita Canfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

President McConnell stated that committee assignments will take place at the March meeting and anyone interested in a specific assignment should contact him before that meeting.

President McConnell suggested that the members participate in an educational seminar to plan the board's function now that the construction is underway. Dennis O'Toole and Rob Berner would be the primary presenters at this function as legal and financial issues would be addressed. The members responded positively and a date and location of the seminar will be determined.

In the absence of legal counsel, Executive Director Berner reported that the easement acquisitions are proceeding smoothly, as are the unresolved cases that have been filed with the court.

Policy Committee Chairman Lynch reported that a meeting had been held earlier in the evening to consider amendment of the LORCO Sewer Regulations Chapter III "Connections, Fees, Permits and Billings". Specific consideration focused on replacing paragraph 308-02, Table 3-1 "Schedule of Average Daily Gallonage" with a "Benefitted Unit Equivalency Factors" table provided by Rob Berner. The issue was brought forward by Rob Berner to facilitate calculation of fair and equitable tap-in fees for various land uses.

After considerable discussion, the committee was not prepared to make a recommendation to the board. The committee will continue its discussion at the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Director Berner reported on his recent meetings with the Village of South Amherst, Lorain County Administrator, International Real Estate Group, and the Eaton Business Association.

Executive Director Berner updated the members on the Voluntary Participation Plan. LORCO has received one monetary commitment and three addition verbal commitments from developers.

Executive Director Berner informed the members that he is in the process of completing a new strategic plan for LORCO. This is necessary due to the OWDA funding going through Avon Lake. President McConnell and Executive Director Berner plan on meeting with each of the member communities to discuss the new strategic plan.

Chief Utilities Executive for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, John Kniepper gave an update on the Phase-I construction. The \$5 million ARRA funding has been received and is already being utilized. The collection system is 25% complete with over six miles of pipeline is in the ground. There have been some incidents that have been reported in the newspaper. All complaints reported to ALMU were addressed at the time of occurrence. They are doing everything possible within their means to ensure a safe work site and that proper construction methods are being followed.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the board and asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. None were presented.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Tom Steigerwald with a second by Ernest Hartman to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.