

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
May 12 2011**

**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.

**Trustees in Attendance:**

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

James McConnell	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Kurpely	Rita Canfield
Barry Taylor	Dominic Ferritto	John Piwinski
Mary Beth Derikito	Jim Woodrum	Rick Hutman
Jason Richardson	Louise Grose	Bob Meilander

**Absent:** Howard Born

**Also in Attendance:**

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU  
Robert Berner, Executive Director  
John Kniepper, Consultant  
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Consultant was not in attendance

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 14, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito, with a second by John Piwinski to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

NONE

**New Business:**

President McConnell reported on the meeting with the officers and ALMU on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He indicated the meeting was productive and finalizing construction was the main topic. He further added ALMU is working with OWDA to try to make eligible payments for prior expenses incurred by LORCO and the project is anticipated to be under budget.

There was no legal report as Attorney O'Toole was not present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Tom Lahetta, with a second by Jim Woodrum, The motion was unanimously approved.**

Louise Grose inquired concerning the monthly analysis fee and why LORCO is required to pay it to FirstMerit. Executive Director Berner indicated he would follow-up with FirstMerit.

Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and pointed out the quarterly state and federal tax payments. He discussed efforts to contact Mike Musto, a Columbia Twp. Trustee concerning interest from industrial users in Columbia Twp. on St. Rt. 82. He updated the members on the contractor meeting on April 27, 2011 at East Carlisle Building indicating approximately 25 different contractors attended. He further updated the board on a meeting scheduled by the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce inviting regional entities to participate in a forum to discuss regional sewers in Lorain County at LCCC on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, Executive Director Berner reported the substantial completion date for the collection system in Phase I has been determined to be June 1, 2011 and a letter would be going out next week to all customers in the Phase I area. The letter would also indicate any residents wishing to have the tap fee added to their property taxes would have to inform LORCO prior to August 19, 2011 of this intention.

Neil Lynch reported on the information discussed in the Policy Committee Meeting held prior to the regular board meeting. He informed the board of changes being considered to Chapters I, III, and VI and the board would receive these changes in the next board packet for consideration. He further indicated it would be up to the entire board to decide if they wanted to have a legal review and Executive Director Berner would have a cost estimate for this review prior to the next board meeting.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She indicated the collection system is 95% complete with testing and the east-west connection at Durkee Rd. on Rt 82 remaining. She indicated many calls are coming in concerning restoration. The wet weather is delaying the restoration work and ALMU will be placing an ad in the Rural Urban informing residents. She informed the board of a meeting with Bill Holtzman and Wayne Millette of the county engineers department to review county road conditions following construction. She spoke of the meeting scheduled with Loren McElleny of OEPA being cancelled due to state budget cuts and that the consultant would be doing the final report.

Ms. Haines further reported that all of the ARRA funds have been spent and a meeting was attended at OWDA on Friday to have money transferred from the collection account to the transmission account to handle cost overruns in the transmission line. The project is approximately \$2 million under budget. She finished by indicating the contract with Dave Sugar Excavating has been taken over by the surety company for performance and they will be hiring the company to do the directional bore under Rt 10.

Neil Lynch inquired if there would be a change order savings from open cutting Durkee Rd in lieu of boring. Mr. Kniepper responded he thought there would be.

Tom Lahetta inquired if the surety company would bring back Dave Sugar or a new contractor. It was not yet known.

### **Other Business:**

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and no one responded. President McConnell then asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. Public comments were heard from a gentleman asking if there were any plans for sanitary sewer service in the Village of South Amherst.

Executive Director Berner responded that LORCO is following up on a feasibility study and is talking with different communities in the area.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dominic Ferrito, with a second by Cindy Kurpley to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer