

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
October 13, 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:

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| James McConnell  | Neil Lynch       | Thomas Lahetta     |
| Gerald Cowie     | Cindy Korpely    | Rita Canfield      |
| Dominic Ferritto | John Piwinski    | Mary Beth Derikito |
| Jim Woodrum      | Jason Richardson | Bob Meilander      |
| Louise Grose     | Howard Born      |                    |

**Absent:** Jim Wright, Rick Hutman

**Also in Attendance:**

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU  
Robert Berner, Executive Director  
John Kniepper, Consultant

**Swearing In:**

President McConnell administered the Oath of Office to the Village of South Amherst Alternate, Dave Faight

**Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Bob Meilander, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Bob Meilander asked if the issues concerning the home on St Rt 83 had been addressed. Becky Haines responded the contractor has begun to address those concerns.

**New Business:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President McConnell reported a questionnaire for available dates has been distributed to the Executive Committee members to decide on dates for interviewing candidates for the executive director position. Cindy Korpely responded she had not received copies of the resumes.

**LEGAL REPORT** - Attorney O'Toole was not present. No new information.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Neil Lynch reported the Policy Committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed two amendments to Chapter II, Section 207.2. Those amendments will be distributed to the board for action at the November board meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Bob Meilander, The motion was unanimously approved.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated nothing out of the ordinary. He informed the board he will be attending the ALMU Board meeting on October 17, 2011 to answer questions.

Executive Director Berner updated the board on the progress with regional wastewater treatment in Lorain County. He concluded by informing the board of a violation which occurred in Eaton Township with a contractor discharging storm water into a sanitary manhole. He then asked if there were any questions. President McConnell inquired on the financial status and ED Berner informed the board the line of credit was extended with LMRE allowing LORCO to borrow an additional \$25,000 for 2011.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She informed the board the bore at St Rt 10 was completed on 10/12/2011 at 9:30 pm. The bonding company was notified they now have 48 hours for the contractor to return to the job to complete the pipe installation. A second contractor has been lined up in the event the original contractor does not return to the job. She further informed the board of the progress of the bore near the college. The boring is complete and the pipe installation is proceeding and should be complete by the end of next week.

She informed the board ALMU sent out the first sewer bill for Phase I customers on September 20, 2011. There were 74 customers billed. The October bill will be billing 188 customers.

She further informed the board of clean up efforts and restoration are proceeding and they met with the county engineer to address road and ditch repairs.

Cindy Kurpely asked if the list presented by Jason Richardson was addressed. She informed her they are working through the list.

Neil Lynch asked about the operating date and November 1 was their targeted date.

**Other Business:**

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and no board members responded. No board members responded.

President McConnell then asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. Public comments were heard from:

Carl Denk had 3 items. He questioned the vacant home policy. He had questions on billing and bill charges.

Linda Morrison asked about a truck at Cooley Rd. – John Kniepper responded the truck was doing manhole lining. She further informed the board of the concerns of residents on St Rt 82 who received USDA grants and loans concerning completing dates. She commented the number of taps and the gallons trucked to Avon Lake. She then presented information from the county prosecutor concerning township appointments to the LORCO board of trustees.

Conversation continued with multiple opinions offered on the letter. President McConnell concluded the conversation by stating this will be a decision made by individual LORCO member communities on how and who they appoint as their LORCO representative.

John McDonald inquired on the 200' rule.

Donna Hicks asked a question concerning a customer on Dye Rd and also asked about a grinder pump problem on Capel Rd.

**Adjourn:**

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto and Seconded by Cindy Kurpely to adjourn at 8:00. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer