

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
December 8, 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	Rick Hutman	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Korpely	Tom Steigerwald (A)
John Piwinski	Neil Lynch	Jim Woodrum
Jason Richardson	Louise Grose	Berry Taylor (A)
Bob Meilander		

**Absent:** Howard Born, Rita Canfield, Mary Beth Derikito

**Also in Attendance:**

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU  
Robert Berner, Executive Director

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

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 10, 2011 had not been mailed to all the trustees but were placed at each members place prior to the meeting. It was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Cindy Korpely to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

President McConnell called on Cindy Korpely to discuss the grand opening ceremony discussed at prior meetings. Cindy Korpely reported a preliminary guest list is available and was passed to other trustee members to determine if additional names should be added to the quest list. The when and where question was discussed and Jason Richardson suggested a location between the two communities. Berry Taylor offered the East Carlisle Building and further suggested holding the ceremony on a Saturday morning. Discussion concluded with Barry Taylor checking on availability of the building for late January 2012.

**New Business:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President McConnell updated the board on the monthly meeting with the officers and ALMU. He further added there was discussion with Tom Lahetta and Neil Lynch concerning fees and billing for the Finance Committee to take up early in 2012. President McConnell called for an executive session at the end of the board meeting to discuss the annual performance review of

the executive director. His report concluded by informing the board he would be attending a special meeting of the Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities with Executive Director Berner on December 14, 2011.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Louise Grose, with a second by Berry Taylor, The motion was unanimously approved.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18 for purpose of re-appropriating line item 11 OFFICE EQUIPMENT and line item 17 OFFICE EXPENSES was moved by Tom Lahetta and seconded by Gerald Cowie. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17 adopting the permanent budget for 2012 was moved by Tom Lahetta, with a second by Cindy Kurpely, 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 sent out a letter to the township trustees of Eaton and Carlisle Townships reminding them of the tap-in fee pricing available to existing homes within the system that are over 200' from the road right of way.

Executive Director Berner informed the board he completed the rate study for the customers in Barrington Park subdivision in Grafton and requested a Finance Committee Meeting in January to review both the rate study and discuss the tap-in fee and lateral connections. He reiterated he would be attending the ALMU board meeting on December 14, 2011 with President McConnell. He concluded by thanking the board for the opportunity to serve that last two years and was looking forward to working toward new goals for LORCO in future years.

At the conclusion of the report a question was asked by Jason Richardson concerning the Barrington Park rate study.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She informed the board November 18, 2011 was the official certification date for the Phase I System. She updated the board on the four-plex station and informed them the 2 6" pumps are now operational. She informed the board of the meetings scheduled with the contractors to discuss close out of the project and retainage. She concluded by informing the board the change orders with Dave Sugar are close to resolution.

Jason Richardson questions the retainage and the condition of the roads in Eaton Township.

**Other Business:**

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. Jim Woodrum commented he liked the idea of having the grand opening ceremony on a Saturday morning.

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

Carl Denk commented on his electric bill and the savings from his aerator pump.

Linda Morrison commented she read the executive director's letter at the last Eaton Township Trustee Meeting. She commented they have serious issues with the

road conditions. She questioned if trucks were still hauling and concluded by asking if sewage readings would be made available to LORCO.

Mr. Urig asked a question concerning the 2012 budget.

Donna Hicks asked when the health department was planning to send out the certified letters.

President McConnell called for a motion to move to executive session. A motion was made by Cindy Korpely and Seconded by Tom Steigerwald to move into executive session at 7:50 pm. The vote was 13 yes and 0 no to go into executive session.

The board returned to regular session at 8:15 pm. Cindy Korpely raised an issue with the board concerning how to pay for the grand opening party. It was discussed to establish a budget and seek donations.

**Adjourn:**

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Berry Taylor and Seconded by Jim Woodrum to adjourn at 8:22 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer