

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAINCOUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
August 9, 2012**

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 7:01 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	Jim Wright	Thomas Lahetta
Dominic Ferritto	Cindy Korpely	John Piwinski
Neil Lynch	Mary Beth Derikito	Rick Hutman
Jim Woodrum	Gerald Cowie	

Absent: Rita Canfield, Bob Meilander, Howard Born, Louise Grose, Jason Richardson

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 July 12, 2012 had been sent to all the trustees. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito with a second by Tom Lahettato approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President McConnell distributed the annual evaluation of the executive director to members of the Executive Committee. He asked that they bring any questions or change recommendations to the September board meeting and asked the reports be completed by October for an Executive Committee Meeting to review the results. The committee would then make its' recommendation to the entire board for review.

LEGAL REPORT – None

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14 for payment of payroll and bills was presented. It was moved by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Cindy Korpely to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated the only irregularity was in tax payment due to the quarterly RITA payment. He informed the board the state auditors have returned to complete the 2011 audit. He informed the board of the legal action filed by Digioia Suburban Excavating against LORCO. He presented the July Phase I totals (See Below).

He updated the board on attending the Annual LMRE Meeting and thanked Mary Beth Derikito for assisting him. He then presented the proposal from Arcadis Engineering on the Pheasant Run feasibility study. The proposal included a Kick off meeting, capacity review, topography appraisal and funding options. The cost of the study is estimated at \$12,000. He forwarded the study to Pheasant Run's legal counsel for review and to see if Pheasant Run is interested in sharing the expense of the study.

The July report from ALMU:

795 homes are connected

1,019 customers were billed in July

Meter reading at pump station from June 18 - July 18 shows 3,091,800 gallons sent to plant for treatment.

Gallons of RLCWA 2,686,854

The treatment cost for July was \$8,544.20 per the contracted rate. Wholesale rate \$2,230.09 Booked Amount \$6,314.11.

The July O & M expenses were: \$14,128.67

\$8,650.26 wages and benefits

\$1,565.48 office, billing expenses and utilities

\$100 Cellular/Gas allowance

\$34.99 Equipment Maintenance

\$794.94.00 Operation and Maintenance

\$2,983.00 May and June Unemployment

LORCO received \$15,000 per Cooperative Agreement

Construction Expenses: \$23,200.00

Total Expenditures for July: \$29,128.67

Balance in Custodial Account: \$1,666,655.30

Booked Billable Hours for May and June: \$2,037.52

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines had two items. First, she updated the board concerning the Royalton and Robson Road project. She informed them 4 homes have already connected and 4 additional homes are scheduled for connection inspections next week. She informed the board she has the documents ready for the County Auditor for certification to collect the tap fees on property taxes. She informed the board of letters sent to the contractors

concerning restoration and that DiGioia has begun work and Elite and UUI will start in September.

Jim McConnell asked about restoration work at the pump stations. She responded some of the work has already started.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. Hearing none, he moved to audience participation.

Linda Morrison asked about two pump station problems. One on Hawke Rd. which has complaints of odor and one on N. Reed which has had the emergency light on. Becky Haines replied the Hawke Road station will have an odor block installed and the Reed Rd. station is operating normal. She then asked about the road repair on Cooley Rd. and Becky Haines replied there is a disagreement between the contractor and the road supervisor on how much damage was done. She informed the board of a resident attending their trustee meeting expressing concern with not having money to pay for his connection. Mr. McConnell told her residents should contact LORCO for assistance information.

Carl Denk commented on Pheasant Run and did not want current Phase I customers to subsidize their connection. He commented the board should update monthly on operating cost and repairs. He concluded with his concern over Rural Water billing cycles.

Adjourn:

Prior to adjourning Ex. Dir. Berner added information from his report concerning meeting with the City of Lorain and also attending the Water Quality Committee of NOACA next week.

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto and Seconded by Cindy Kurpely to adjourn at 7:48 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer