

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
September 12, 2013

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:

James McConnell	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
James Woodrum	James Wright	Del Roig
Rick Hutman	Dominic Ferritto	Mary Beth Derikito
John Piwinski	Gerald Cowie	Louise Grose
Cindy Kurpely		

Absent: Howard Born, Rita Canfield and Michael Hill

Also in Attendance:

Rich Radachi, CPA
Fred Alspach, Interim Executive Director
Gene Toy, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 8, 2013 were at the Member's place tonight. It was moved by James Wright, with a second by Louise Grose to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

President McConnell reported that the Hawke Road restoration was reported by the ALMU office of LORCO as completed. He also stated that an executive session to discuss personnel employment would be moved to the final item on the agenda.

Policy Committee Chairman, Lynch reported that the Policy Committee had met prior to this meeting to discuss rates charged on vacant homes. It is recommended, by the committee, that the minimum monthly rate established by LORCO be enforced on vacant homes. The minimum rate includes debt service, operation and maintenance and minimum cost of treatment as established by LORCO's annual rate review. Following full discussion, it was moved by Dominic Ferritto, with a second by John Piwinski to accept the recommendation of the policy committee and amend the policy of the board as specified by the policy committee. The vote was as follows. 11 Yea. 2 Nay. Motion carried.

Cindy Kurpely and Del Roig provided discussion regarding restoration to the Hawke Road residents and concluded that LORCO is no longer obligated to provide further restoration services on Hawke Road, Giles Road or Brokaw Road.

Accounting Report:

Rich Radachi, CPA to LORCO, provided a full review of the Financial Statements for December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Board was provided with copies and the report is on file for review.

No Legal Report:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-23 For approval of the payments and deposits for the month of August, 2013. It was moved by Cindy Kurpely, with a second by Thomas Lahetta to approve the list as presented. The vote was as follows. 13 Yea. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-24 For approval of changing the authorized signatures to the First Merit banking account (Deleting Fred Alspach and adding Eugene Toy). It was moved by Cindy Kurpely, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito to approve the change. The vote was as follows. 13 Yea. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

Interim Executive Director, Fred Alspach, noted that the transition of the E.D. position to Mr. Toy has been effective and productive. There was discussion about a property owner's request for a \$6,000.00 tap fee refund based on the property owner's discussion with the Army Corps of Engineers that the property is a wetlands and unbuildable as is. He no longer intends to build. Alspach asked for authorization to approve the request upon receipt of proper documentation by the Army Corps of Engineers which, has been requested of the property owner. It was moved by Neil Lynch, with a second by Del Roig that the property, owned by Steven Lindo and located at 12121 Cowley Road be refunded the \$6,000.00 tap fee upon receipt of proper documentation. The vote was as follows: 13 Yea. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director, Gene Toy noted that he has met with ALMU officials and completed a field review of the LORCO/ALMU system. More meetings are scheduled. He met with a First Federal Bank representative at the ALMU offices and had discussion regarding sewers for Carrington Pointe. He talked with OEPA officials regarding Pheasant Run Village and will be attending the October meeting at NOACA regarding Designated Management Agencies.

The August ALMU summary report was copied to all Board Members. It was discussed noting current costs and customers served.

Other Business:

Comments were heard from the audience participants Carl Denk and Don Krueck.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Cindy Kurpely, with a second by John Piwinski to move into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel employment. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Woodrum, yea; Wright, yea; Roig, yea; Hutman, yea; Ferritto, yea; Derikito, yea; Piwinski, yea; Cowie, yea; Grose, yea; Lahetta, yea; Kurpely, yea; Lynch, yea; McConnell, yea. Motion carried.

It was moved to return to regular session at 9:28 p.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Woodrum, yea; Wright, yea; Roig, yea; Hutman, yea; Ferritto, yea; Derikito, yea; Piwinski, yea; Cowie, yea; Grose, yea; Lahetta, yea; Kurpely yea; Lynch, yea; McConnell yea. Motion carried. No action was taken on discussion from the executive session.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto and seconded by Cindy Kurpely to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and meet again on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

President

Secretary-Treasurer