

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
AUGUST 14, 2014**

**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. Board president McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy Wiele – village of Kipton alternate was introduced by Board president McConnell and the oath of office was administered by Executive Director Toy.

**Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary Lahetta):**

Howard Born – ABSENT	Louise Grose – PRESENT	Neil Lynch - PRESENT
Rita Canfield – PRESENT	Judy Wiele – PRESENT	James McConnell - PRESENT
Gerald Cowie – PRESENT	Rick Hutman – PRESENT	John Piwinski - PRESENT
Mary Beth Derikito – PRESENT	Cindy Kurpely – PRESENT	Del Roig - PRESENT
Tony Ferritto – PRESENT	Thomas Lahetta – PRESENT	James Wright - PRESENT
		James Woodrum – PRESENT

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Don Krueck, New Russia Twp.; Paulette Mills, Poggemeyer Design Group.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Derikito, with a second by Roig to approve June 12, 2014 meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lahetta to approve July 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

Introduced Paulette Huber-Mills, Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG). She provided an update on PDG's contacts with the villages of Grafton and LaGrange regarding their questions concerning potential PDG conflicts of interest in working for LORCO and the two villages. The villages do not object to PDG working for LORCO on this project. Explained that the LGIF feasibility study would take approximately six months to complete but that PDG was going to attempt to complete the project so that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds could potentially be pursued. CDBG funding application deadlines are in early 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17 Approval of July deposits and payments.** It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Derikito to approve the resolution. Roig asked about 7/14/14 \$163.85 credit labeled "R. Berner reimbursement as per 2012/2013 audit finding." Toy explained that this was related to an issue raised by the Auditor of State's office during LORCO's recent audit and that the issue had been resolved to the satisfaction of the auditors. The vote was as follows. 15 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18 Approval of amendments to executive director employment agreement.** Board president McConnell reported that the executive committee had met on July 31, 2014 with six members present. He distributed information to the board members and explained several changes to the employment agreement that had been recommended by the executive committee. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows. 15 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Distributed cash flow and deferral statement through July 2014.
- Provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with Cinnamon Lake utilities board regarding takeover of their wastewater distribution and treatment systems.
- Provided an update regarding ongoing rate study activities by Municipal and Financial Services Group (MFSG).
- Approximately 1/3 of building lots within Carrington Pointe subdivision (north of Banks Road) have been sold. Engineering design work for sanitary sewer installation is being wrapped up by Avon Lake Regional Water staff and a Resolution of Necessity should be ready for the September 2014 board meeting agenda to proceed with construction as an assessment project.
- Received another call from a property owner in the Meadow Creek subdivision (north of Parsons Road) interested in sanitary sewer service from LORCO. LORCO and Avon Lake are looking into the feasibility of potentially providing service.

**Other Business:**

Discussion regarding proposed contract from Poggemeyer Design Group for Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) project consulting services. Several changes to the contract were discussed. It was moved by Derikito, with a second by Ferritto to authorize the executive director to execute a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group pending review of the contract by LORCO legal counsel. Voice vote was taken – all aye's.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Kurpely and seconded by Donges to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and meet again on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer