

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

**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.

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

Howard Born – ABSENT	Bill Donges – PRESENT	Neil Lynch – PRESENT
Doug Gardner – PRESENT	Joe Pirl – ABSENT	James McConnell - PRESENT
Gerald Cowie – PRESENT	Rick Hutman – PRESENT	John Piwinski - PRESENT
Mary Beth Derikito – PRESENT	Cindy Kurpely – PRESENT	Del Roig - PRESENT
Tony Ferritto – ABSENT	Thomas Lahetta – PRESENT	Jim Wright – ABSENT
		James Woodrum – PRESENT

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Don Krueck, New Russia Twp.; Dennis O’Toole; Rich Radachi.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Kurpely, with a second by Lahetta to approve August 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous (Gardner abstained).

**Old Business:**

Board president McConnell introduced Rich Radachi who was in attendance to provide information to the board about services provided to LORCO by Radachi and Company. McConnell stated that the board had some concerns about the scope of work being performed and the amount of invoices that LORCO was receiving. Radachi addressed the “independent accountant” language in LORCO financial statements; described work performed in creating financial statements; stated that invoicing will now be monthly instead of at the completion of a job; described the difference between “compilation”, “review”, and “audit” reports; and estimated that in future years LORCO accounting services would cost approximately \$5,000 a year as opposed to \$12-\$13,000 a year from 2010 to 2015.

**New Business**

**President’s Report:**

McConnell mentioned that, along with Executive Director Toy and board members Roig and Lahetta, he had met with Jack Jones from Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG) on September 4, 2015 to go over the latest draft version of the LGIF feasibility study report. PDG will be making some further modifications to the report and getting back with LORCO.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-21 Approval of non-LMRE-related August deposits and payments.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22 Approval of LMRE-related August deposits and payments.** It was moved by Piwinski, with a second by Derikito to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23 Cooperative Agreement with OWDA for Carrington Pointe force main.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Piwinski to approve the resolution. Board president McConnell asked Executive Director Toy to brief the board on the purpose for the resolution. General discussion followed. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**September 1, 2015 Carrington Pointe force main project bid opening.**

Board president McConnell asked Executive Director Toy to brief the board on the events surrounding the bid opening. Toy explained that there were three responses received prior to the September 1, 2015, noon bid deadline, one by Elite, one by UUI (\$218,260), and one by KMU (\$261,700). Toy reported that the Elite bid failed to complete certain sections that required full completion. Toy stated that he had been advised by legal counsel that because these are material deficiencies, not waivable by the board, it would not be a responsive bid and therefore could not be considered by the board. Regardless, he was advised to inform the board of these circumstances and request its determination as to how to proceed. Attorney O'Toole then spoke about legal issues regarding the bid opening. He stated that he did not think that the deficiencies can be waived. Toy then discussed bids received versus the engineer's estimate (\$245,948.74) and offered his recommendation as well as that of the engineer to accept the UUI bid as being the lowest and best bidder. It was moved by Lynch, with a second by Lahetta to accept the bid from UUI as being the lowest and best bid and authorizing the LORCO executive director to sign contract documents subject to the approval of legal counsel as to form. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Brentwood Golf Course. Received letter from Ohio EPA asking why club house was not tied into the Phase 1 system. Gravity sewer flowing to Four Plex is in Elyria FPA. Most of golf course and all of clubhouse are in Phase 1 LORCO/ALMU FPA. Meeting with Elyria officials on September 23.
- Russell Real Estate development off of SR 83. Met with Mr. Russell this week. There are 25 lots on 800' cul-de-sac that will be sold to a builder. 8 other 5-6 acre lots that will be sold off separately. Plans to start construction around the first of the year. Asked if there was anything that could be done on tap fees since 25 homes were being built.
- MFSG study – primary person that had been working on the project left suddenly to work for a different firm. MFSG has sent a final version of the report. Will be sending that out to board members next week.
- LGIF study – met with PDG last Friday. Had three primary comments for the consultant. He was going to look into those issues and get back with us.
- Hawke Road/NOACA – NOACA sent out a summary of information received and their interpretation of it. Not all parties received it due to file size (including LORCO). Initial response deadline was September 11. I asked for an additional week due to email problems. NOACA agreed to give everyone an additional week.
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**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Kurpely and seconded by Woodrum to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm and meet again on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer