

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

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

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

Will Schlechter		Bill Donges		Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie	√	Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Tom Steigerwald	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	√
				Jim Woodrum	√

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Dave Rickey, Avon Lake Regional Water board member; Dennis O'Toole, LORCO attorney.

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Woodrum, with a second by Lamb to approve August 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**President's Report:**

Reported on suggested board training/information sessions that were discussed at last board meeting. Possible ideas were history of LORCO; 6119 organizations; Phase 1 system; responsibilities as a board member; Sunshine Laws; relationship with Avon Lake Regional Water, Lorain County, NOACA, LMRE, etc.; financial position of LORCO; gravity sewers versus force main and required separation distance between sewers and other utilities. LORCO attorney Dennis O'Toole has a PowerPoint presentation that explains board membership duties and responsibilities. It is about 1 ½ hours long. Arrangements will be made to have it presented at a future meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29 Approval of non-LMRE-related August deposits and payments.** It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30 Approval of LMRE-related August payments.** It was moved by Wright, with a second by Steigerwald to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31 Authorize Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association agreement and board membership.** It was moved by McConnell, with a second by Wright to approve the resolution. Toy gave a brief introduction of the resolution and Attorney O'Toole explained. LORCO would petition the Lorain County Common Pleas Court since we currently have an order of the court that established LORCO and defines how the organization is set up. Would have to file a motion to amend LORCO bylaws and allow Cinnamon Lake to be on the LORCO board since Cinnamon Lake is not a township or village like all other current LORCO board members. Petition to the court would have to be broad enough to deal with entities other than political subdivisions. Lynch asked how it would be handled in the future if other development took place in Jacksons Township, Ashland County where Cinnamon Lake is located. A considerable amount of discussion followed regarding Cinnamon Lake appointing the board member versus Jackson Township. The court may approve the petition by the end of the year. Cinnamon Lake would be added to the LORCO district. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Attended Avon Lake Regional Water board work session on August 16, 2016 and provided a report on currently LORCO activities and projects.
- Submitted WPCLF project nomination form for Cinnamon Lake force main project by August 31, 2016 deadline.
- Avon Lake Regional Water submitted a WPCLF project nomination form for a sewer separation project coupled with a proposed septage receiving station project. The septage receiving station would be located near the Quadplex station. The Avon Lake Regional Water project would receive a reduced interest rate to offset the septage receiving station debt service.
- No word from the county on either the Hawke Road or Royalton Road FPA change requests or from Elyria on the Royalton Road FPA change request.
- NOACA water quality subcommittee meets next Friday (9/16) at noon.

**Other Business:**

McConnell asked about the status of the DiGioia lawsuit. Attorney O'Toole reported that the judge had not yet rendered a decision.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Steigerwald and seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm and meet again on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer