

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
MARCH 10, 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. Prayer was said by board member Wright for Mary Beth Derikito.

Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta):

Howard Born		Bill Donges	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	James McConnell	√
Gerald Cowie	√	Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	√
Mary Beth Derikito		Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Tom Steigerwald	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	√
				James Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Dave Rickey, Avon Lake Regional Water; Tom Berry and Bob Homza, Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by McConnell, with a second by Roig to approve February 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roig requested that minutes be amended under the discussion on Resolution 2016-3 to reflect that Korpely stated that the county will be our customer. Voice vote for approval as amended was unanimous.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

President's Report:

Announced that resolutions were on the agenda thanking former board members Mary Beth Derikito and John Piwinski for their service. Signed, framed versions of the resolutions will be presented to them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-3 Approval of Hawke Road flow agreement with Lorain County.

Resolution was tabled at January 14, 2016 meeting. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Wright to bring Resolution 2016-3 back to the table for discussion. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Executive Director made some introductory remarks about the history behind Resolution 2016-3 and requested board action & approval. There was considerable discussion about the agreement. Lynch repeated his previous objections (county charging maintenance fee when they are not providing any services and NOACA not following their policy) to the resolution. Roig read a statement listing numerous reasons for which he was in support of the agreement. Some board members favored voting against the resolution and forcing NOACA to act on LORCO's August 2014 FPA change application. Other board members favored supporting the resolution and opening a dialog with the county on Hawke Road and other potential areas in need of sanitary sewer service. It was moved by Brubaker, with a second by Woodrum to approve the resolution. The vote was as

follows: 9 Yeas (Woodrum, Roig, Hutman, Brubaker, Donges, Lahetta, Cornelius, Kurpely, and McConnell). 4 Nays (Wright, Steigerwald, Cowie, and Lynch). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-9 Approval of non-LMRE-related February deposits and payments. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Donges to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10 Approval of LMRE-related February deposits and payments. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Donges to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11 Resolution of Appreciation – Mary Beth Derikito. It was moved by Steigerwald, with a second by Wright to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12 Resolution of Appreciation – John Piwinski. It was moved by Steigerwald, with a second by Wright to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

- In the process of reviewing 1997, 2002 and 2007 GRW feasibility studies. Will be asking Planning and Operations Committee to have a future meeting to discuss these studies.
- Gave West Salem/Cinnamon Lake status report. Village of West Salem is starting preliminary engineering and plans to apply to Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) in September for funds to upgrade their wastewater plant. Introduced Bob Homza and Tom Berry from the Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association (CLUA) board who were in attendance to observe LORCO's board meeting. Both spoke briefly and were positive regarding past efforts by LORCO to work with CLUA.

Other Business:

Kurpely thanked everyone for their help during her transition into the board president position. Brubaker stated that she had learned a great deal about the Hawke Road situation. Dave Rickey from the Avon Lake Regional Water board reported about reductions in interest rates by the Ohio Water Development Authority that will save money on Phase 1 project loan repayment.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Steigerwald and seconded by Brubaker to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and meet again on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer