

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 11, 2018**

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.

Swearing In:

Grafton Township alternate Tim Adams was sworn in by Executive Director Toy

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	√	Jim Wright	√
Tim Adams	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Woodrum	√
		Tom Berry	√		

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Del Roig

Election of Officers:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the LORCO Bylaws, election of officers is to take place at the first meeting of the year. Board president Cindy Korpely asked LORCO Executive Director Toy to handle the election of officers. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of President. Motion was made by Jed Lamb with a second by Patti Brubaker to nominate Cindy Korpely to the position of President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Vice President. Motion was made by Patti Brubaker with second by Jed Lamb to nominate Neil Lynch to the position of Vice President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Secretary-Treasurer. Motion was made by Tom Lahetta with a second by Neil Lynch to nominate Patti Brubaker to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Cowie, with a second by Lahetta to approve December 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1 Approval of non-LMRE-related December deposits and payments. Board president Kurpely asked Executive Director Toy to explain recent communication from Dennis O’Toole regarding payments to RLCWA. Toy explained that with the recent takeover of Cinnamon Lake operations by LORCO, we now receive invoices from RLCWA for water usage and meter readings. Similar to the way LMRE invoices are handled, Attorney O’Toole recommends that any LORCO board members that are also RLCWA board members abstain from voting on approving RLCWA payments. Next month, a separate resolution for RLCWA payments will be prepared. McConnell stated that he had spoken with Attorney O’Toole on the matter and he advised that LORCO should ask the Ohio Ethics Commission for an advisory opinion as to whether it was a conflict of interest for a LORCO board member that is also a RLCWA board member to vote on approving RLCWA expenses. Kurpely stated she would contact Attorney O’Toole and ask him to write a letter asking for the advisory opinion. It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by McConnell to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 9 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely, Lamb, and Brubaker abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2 Approval of LMRE-related December payments. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Brubaker to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-3 Confirmation of Cinnamon Lake rates. It was moved by McConnell, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. Toy explained that the current rate structure for Cinnamon Lake had been presented to the LORCO executive committee, the Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association, and Cinnamon Lake residents but that a formal resolution had not been adopted by the full LORCO board. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Cinnamon Lake – attended 12/18/17 CLUA board meeting. Discussed transition and answered a few questions. Sparse attendance. Continuing with project engineering.
2. Grafton rates rates charged to LORCO increased 1/1/18 from \$4.59/1,000 gal to \$4.61/1,000 gal.
3. Avon Lake Regional Water rates charged to LORCO are increasing 7/1/18 from \$5.28/1,000 gal to \$6.07 and to \$6.80 for bills issued after 7/1/19. Recommended that Finance Committee meet to discuss impact on LORCO rates.
4. Attending 208 Plan Chapter 4 Update Focus Group meeting at NOACA in Cleveland 1/18/18 from 10 am until noon.
5. Ryan Homes, Eaton Crossing project – project developer is scheduled to submit detailed engineering plans next week for review. Project proceeding according to schedule.
6. Elyria proposed FPA boundary changes. Heard from Kathy McKillips, assistant city engineer. The modification with the additional changes suggested by LORCO & Avon Lake Regional Water will be going to city council at the next meeting on 1/16/18. Project proposed changes on screen. General discussion followed.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Brubaker and seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and meet again on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer