

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

**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 President Korpely):**

Will Schlechter	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Berry Taylor	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Bob Homza, Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

Board president Korpely announced that there would be an executive session prior to adjournment of the regular meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Lahetta, with a second by Koch to approve October 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

Board president Korpely requested that the LORCO Planning and Operations committee meet at 6 pm prior to the December board meeting to review the county's responses to requested LORCO and Avon Lake Regional Water modifications to the final draft of the proposed Columbia Township flow agreement. A committee meeting was scheduled.

**New Business:**

Executive Director Toy mentioned that during a recent review of LORCO bylaws he had noticed a provision in the bylaws for LORCO board members to be compensated and asked if this is something that the board members would like to consider. General discussion followed, including the past history of board member compensation. No decision was made at the present time and discussion will continue.

**President's Report:**

Executive committee met at 6 pm prior to the board meeting to review LORCO executive director annual performance review forms submitted by board members.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related October deposits and payments.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Wesemeyer to approve the resolution. Question from Roig about Mule's Excavating invoice and question from Lamb about Huntington fees. Toy provided information. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52 Approval of RLCWA-related October payments.** It was moved by Berry, with a second by McConnell to approve the resolution. Lynch asked a question about charges from RLCWA for water meter readings. Toy answered. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely, Lamb and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-53 Approval of LMRE-related October payments.** It was moved by Wesemeyer, with a second by Lamb to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-54 Reauthorization of Funds.** It was moved by Berry, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-55 Approve Then & Now Purchase Orders.** It was moved by Berry, with a second by Taylor to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

### **Executive Director Report:**

1. Touched base with Frontier Land Group/Ryan Homes for first time since they were advised that LORCO tap fees will not be financed over time on the tax duplicate. Their response was "...From your inquiry, it seems like you want to help get things moving for this project so LORCO can generate tap fee and sewer fee revenue. What can you and the LORCO Board consider in order to lower the upfront tap fee costs to help this project and others get developed in 2020?"
2. Barrington Phase 9 – site meeting today with Avon Lake Regional Water and Yost Construction to look at five problem manholes. Three were fixed today; one will be fixed next week when weather warms slightly; and repair of the fifth one is going to require some additional engineering by the developer. Phase 9 PTI will be shipped out to Ohio EPA when fourth manhole is repaired next week.
3. Pine Brook golf course wants to install grinder unit and connect to LORCO sewer on Giles Road. We have been asked to review and comment on a proposed agreement with the City of Elyria for temporary FPA change. The county objects for a variety of reasons. It is my understanding that the golf course owner plans to proceed to NOACA WQS, probably in March 2020.
4. Ron Russell – Chestnut Ridge parcel. Received request for FPA change from ALMU/LORCO Phase 1 to North Ridgeville. Notified all affected entities 10/31/19 via email. Problems with email delivery or email not read (Eaton Township and Lorain County). Sent information via certified mail 11/4/19. Delivered 11/5/19. No support or objections yet.
5. Attended Ohio RCAP "Shared Services & Regional Solutions Workshop" - Bellville, Ohio - November 13, 2019. LORCO and West Salem were mentioned as "how to do it right" example. Good networking opportunity with organization that will hopefully be helping us get CDBG-RPIG money.
6. Succession planning progress.

### **Other Business:**

None.

### **Executive Session:**

Board president Kurpely requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing executive director performance reviews and executive director employment agreement. It was moved by Schlechter, with a second by Lahetta to enter executive session for the stated purpose. Roll call vote was taken by board president Kurpely. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Toy was excused, Homza left the meeting and executive session began at 8:31. Board re-entered regular session at 8:42 pm. Toy was admitted back into the board room and proposed amendments to the executive director employment agreement were discussed. Board president Kurpely will work

with legal counsel to draft an employment agreement addendum to be considered at the December board meeting.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Wesemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm and meet again on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer