

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
JUNE 11, 2020**

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

**Trustee Roll Call (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):**

Will Schlechter		Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Andy Gulish	√
Jed Lamb		Cindy Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta		Jim Wright	√
		Tom Berry	√	Jim Woodrum	√

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

**Changes to agenda:**

Kurpely announced the Executive Committee had met at 6 pm prior to the board meeting to discuss Cinnamon Lake liens and tap fees and that a report would be given later in the meeting immediately prior to the executive director's report.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve May 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

Reminded board members that LORCO logo apparel was ready for pickup and that if board members had not yet ordered they should touch base with the executive director.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related May deposits and payments.** It was moved by Berry, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. Roig asked question about West Salem invoices. Toy answered. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21 Approval of RLCWA-related May payments.** It was moved by Koch with a second by McConnell to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22 Approval of LMRE-related May payments.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Berry to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**Executive Committee meeting report:**

Board president Korpely reported that the Executive Committee had met at 6 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Cinnamon Lake liens and tap fees. LORCO does not currently charge a tap fee in Cinnamon Lake but charges a monthly “Transit Charge” of \$22.76 on all vacant lots. This practice was in place when LORCO took over Cinnamon Lake operations in 2017. LORCO also follows past practice of the Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association in not charging the tap fee on lots owned by the Cinnamon Lake Association (homeowners association). Approximately 25% of vacant lot owners do not pay the Transit Charge. In 2019, LORCO certified liens for unpaid sewer charges of just under \$90,000 to the Ashland County auditor. The Executive Committee recommends that LORCO continue to discuss Cinnamon Lake unpaid sewer charges and tap fees and gather additional information prior to considering any potential changes to current LORCO policy.

**Executive Director Report:**

1. Barrington Phase 9 – sanitary work finished. Problems with around 6 laterals. Too shallow. Developer working on corrective action plan.
2. Timber Creek – sanitary sewer work is finished. Signed final plat last week based on advice from sanitary engineer. All punch list items except for manhole relocation and pipe grouting are done. Developer may ask for sign to be able to occupy a portion of the sanitary sewer easement.
3. Brentwood Golf Course – connected yesterday to sewer main. “Lateral” will be privately operated and maintained for now and we will not accept easement.
4. Cinnamon Lake force main funding – CDBG application will not be opened for Ohio RCAP to access until at least July 1st. Apparently, the State has one more project to fund out of PY 2019 and cannot open PY 2020 until that process is complete.
5. Woods at Eaton subdivision now includes Fairway Crossing subdivision (300 single family homes and 150 multi-family homes) on the “east” 18 holes. Received “Cycle 2” plans yesterday for review. Total of 670 lots.
6. Avon Lake Regional Water has not yet approved the Columbia Township agreement. Their board has requested Todd Danielson contact assistant county engineer Bob Klaiber about their concern of some minimum period of time before county could enter into agreement with alternative treatment source. County has responded and they are working at scheduling a meeting.
7. Auditor of State office starting work on 2018/2019 audit. Most work will probably be done off-site.
8. Working on identifying person(s) propping open a manhole on Avon-Belden Road north of Cooley Road. Also working on security/preventive measures. 5/22/20 rains resulted in approximately 1 million gallons of stormwater entering the 18” diameter gravity main and overwhelming the TriPlex pump station. Several flooded basements.
9. Records Commission meeting next month at 6 pm.

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Koch and seconded by Wesemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm and meet again on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer