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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

In the August newsletter I reported the success we achieved in acquiring all the necessary EPA permits to complete the Phase I project. The extended time needed during the permitting process has led to some of our prime contractors to demobilize and work on other projects. We are now faced with remobilization and some delays in the project completion as a result. We still hope to be on-line with sewers flowing after the first of the year on our Phase I project. I will keep you informed on the expected date of completion.

Other good news in August involved settling our easement acquisition cases without going to trial. I am happy to report we have addressed all the concerns with the homeowners concerning LORCO. This has been a long process and I want to commend our legal council, Dennis O'Toole of Stumphauzer & O'Toole, LLC. on his work to complete the property acquisitions.

In late July LORCO received a request from the Lorain County General Health District on behalf of a resident to be included in our Phase I project. This request required a change in the boundaries of the Phase I planning area. Through cooperative efforts between the Lorain County Engineer, The Lorain County Commissioners and NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) we were able to make a minor change in the boundary to accommodate this homeowner. This is a good example of regional cooperative efforts to better serve members of our community. I want to thank all those involved for their cooperation and commitment to residents in Rural Lorain County.

August also brought much welcome news from Developers interested in property in our Phase I service area. Forest City Land Group sought an extension to their preliminary plan for the Carpenter Farm project in Eaton Township. They have expressed interest in moving forward with this project. This is good news for existing residents because it allows us

to keep our operating cost spread out over more customers. It also helps in meeting the capital recovery projections to repay the debt on the Phase I project. In addition to Forest City, two other developers have expressed interest in moving forward with new development plans.

I had the good fortune of attending the annual Lorain County Fair Breakfast on August 23, 2010. It is always good to see the interest the county officials have in the fair and what the fair means to the county.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

The LORCO Board had the opportunity to tour the construction of Phase I following our regular August Board Meeting. This was a very informative and enlightening tour. We had the opportunity to visit the pump stations and observe first hand areas where the sewer lines have been installed. We were able to familiarize ourselves with some of the concerns raised by residents and have a better understanding of issues involving site restoration. We will continue to work with our construction management team and the contractors to ensure the project is completed and property is properly restored.

August presented LORCO with an opportunity to look at how our mission and goals affect other communities. Our Phase I project is currently in Eaton and Carlisle Townships. This project has potential to also serve communities bordering Eaton and Carlisle. As we continue to server our mission and meet our goals it is our hope other communities will get on board with the many advantages available to them to provide sewers to their residents. Our sewers are good for the environment and good for controlling growth.

LORCO, as anticipated, is proving to be a benefit to Rural Lorain County.

