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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 14, 2013**

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. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing In:

New trustee from Kipton Village, Mike Hill, was sworn in by Executive Director Berner.

Trustees in Attendance:

Executive Director Berner called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

James McConnell	Neil Lynch (7:10)	Tom Steigerwald
Cindy Kurpely	James Wright	Rita Canfield
John Piwinski	Bob Walrod	Mary Beth Derikito
Mike Hill		

Absent: Rick Hutman, Gerald Cowie, Louise Grose, Thomas Lahetta, Howard Born

Also in Attendance:

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2013 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Mary Beth Derikito, with a second by Tom Steigerwald to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

President McConnell informed the board of Louise Grose being absent due to medical issues and Executive Director Berner has sent her a card on behalf of the Board.

He inquired of the board members if they had any requests for committee assignments and he informed the board he would be making assignments over the next few weeks.

He informed the board of the Finance Committee meeting prior to the board meeting and they reviewed the financial forecast for the Phase I Project and took no

action. John Piwinski also commented that there was nothing new to add at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Cindy Kurpely, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito, The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10 Authorizing tax liens be allowed to be converted to assessments for those who request so before April 2, 2013 was moved by Jim Wright, with a second by Cindy Kurpely, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported on the news articles in the board packet and pointed out the one concerning NOACA and Regional Sewers. He updated the board on the feasibility study for Pheasant Run. He then informed the board of the availability of the new policy manuals. He updated the board on the two FPA change requests sent to NOACA and indicated he would be attending the Columbia Township Trustee meeting on March 18, 2013. He informed the board of his pending meeting with LORCO's insurance agent to discuss their quote on the Phase I Project and informed the board of vacation days he would be taking next week. He then presented the February financial numbers for Phase I.

The February report from ALMU:

883 homes are connected

1,050 customers were billed in December for \$58,180.63.

**Meter reading at pump station from Feb 5 – March 5 shows
4,114,500 gallons sent to plant for treatment.**

Gallons of RLCWA 3,185,045

**The treatment cost for February was \$9,937.34 per the contracted
rate. Wholesale rate \$2,643.59 Booked Amount \$7,293.75.**

The February O & M expenses were: \$49,622.79

\$3,311.86 wages and benefits

\$367.12 office, billing expenses and utilities

\$1,895.54 Utilities

\$25.94 Operation and Maintenance

\$3,641.00 Unemployment Taxes

\$0.00 RLCWA Meter Readings

\$0.00 Mileage and Mobile

\$36,381.33 Professional Services

\$4,000 Spitzer lease at 4 Plex

LORCO received \$15,000 per Cooperative Agreement

Balance in Custodial Account: \$1,162,474.12

Booked Billable Hours for February: \$3,178.47

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines reported the professional service charge was for grinder pump installation after the contractors had completed the project. She informed the board of her and John Kniepper's meeting with Sue Farmer at OWDA to close out the loan. She updated the board on the process with RLCWA on the new billing dates and syncing the water and sewer bills. She concluded by informing the board that she only fielded a few phone calls concerning the billing change last month.

Neil Lynch questioned the grinder pump installation.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. No board members had any comments. Public comments were heard from:

Don Krueck from South Amherst asked about the status of sewers. Ex. Dir. Berner explained the process of the ODOD Grant and the study.

Del Roig asked about putting sewers on all of Castleton Lane. Ex. Dir. Berner explained they do not have the capital at this time and that it would involve an FPA change with Elyria. He also asked about Hawke Rd. Neil Lynch responded the Columbia Township Trustees are aware and weary of requiring them to connect. He then asked about the Eaton Estates and Brentwood Estates package plants.

Donna Hicks asked about the EPA and a permit for a property on Hawke Rd. in Columbia Twp.

Carl Denk – did some calculations on what it should cost to install grinder pumps.

Del Roig commented on working with Elyria.

Donna Hicks asked about the number of homes hooked up and those not hooked up. She also asked about the pump station alarm on Reed Rd.

Becky Haines responded it was a float which was grease covered.

Carl Denk responded he was surprised to hear the pump stations use floats and not newer technology.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, President McConnell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer