

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 13, 2008

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO office, 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance:

Scott Grills	James Wright	Doug Edwards
Rick Hutman	Michael Podulka	Joe Knoble
Ernest Hartman	Barb Harper	Dennis Shumaker
Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins	Neil Lynch
James McConnell		

Also in Attendance:

Dennis O'Toole, Legal Counsel
Helen Haddox, Office Manager
Fred Alspach, Executive Director

Absent were:

John Piwinski	Gerald Cowie	Dwaine Clinker
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Oath of Office:

The oath of office was administered by Dennis O'Toole, Attorney, to the following Trustees and alternates appointed by their respective townships to serve a three-year term through March 31, 2011; Ernest Hartman, Mary Beth Derikito (A), Barb Harper, James McConnell and Dennis Shumaker (A).

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2008 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Doug Edwards, with a second by Ernest Hartman to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

FirstMerit Bank officials report their assurance the deadline of April 8, 2008 to sign and return the letter of conditional commitment, as set by the USDA-Rural Development in their letter of commitment to guarantee 90% of the LORCO Phase-I project cost, will not be exceeded.

Conversation between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and URS Consultants, Greg Rhinehalt, confirms that the LORCO project will be one of the first to be scheduled for a field review this spring.

New Business:

President McConnell provided the board of trustees with his selection and appointment of members to the following committees:

Executive Committee (through 3-31-09)

James McConnell, Chairman; Ernest Hartman, Vice-Chair; Thomas Lahetta, Douglas Edwards, James Wright, John Piwinski, Dorothy Collins and Neil Lynch.

Finance/Audit Committee (through 3-31-09)

John Piwinski, Chairman; Dorothy Collins, Vice-Chair; Barb Harper, Scott Grills/James Woodrum (A), Joe Knoble, Ken Diedrick (res participant) and Gary McCort (res participant).

Planning and Operations Committee (through 3-31-09)

Ernest Hartman, Chairman; James Wright, Vice-Chair; Douglas Edwards, Tom Lahetta, Rick Hutman, Dominic Ferritto and Eugene Szczepanski (res participant).

Policy Committee (through 3-31-09)

Neil Lynch, Chairman; Tom Lahetta, Vice-Chair; Douglas Edwards, Gerald Cowie, Calvin Woods, Dwaine Clinker and William Allison (res participant).

President McConnell reviewed the 2007 LORCO Annual Report to be mailed to the political subdivisions of Lorain County along with area state and federal legislators. Following full discussion it was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Scott Grills to approve the report as presented. All voted yea. Motion carried.

A petition from the Country Place Homeowner's association was received asking LORCO to provide a cost estimate for serving their private development from the proposed Durkee Road sewer line. The petition was signed by 80% of the homeowners. It was moved by Ernest Hartman, with a second by Doug Edwards with recognition that Country Place, Eaton Township is a private street, accept this petition from the Country Place Homeowners' Association for a preliminary cost estimate of wastewater service to Country Place and authorize the Executive Director to coordinate further action for potential inclusion of Country Place, Eaton Township, with LORCO's Phase-I project. All voted yea. The motion carried.

Attorney, Dennis O'Toole, provided several points of information regarding a water or wastewater District, under 6119 of the ORC, and their duties and rights in the area of wastewater pollution and sewer needs. Letters will be going out in the next 30-days to homeowners with regard to the construction of sewer lines through their property in the near future. Rights-of-way issues will be addressed in the correspondence and LORCO staff will be pursuing the required easements for construction. The staff will be working with the Lorain County General Health District in a coordinated effort to maintain documentation of on lot systems and when they are connected to the central collection system. It is further anticipated that an all property owner mailing will take place before the end of 2008 regarding all updates about LORCO. This mailing will include specific information regarding costs, taps, on-lot work, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04 It was moved by Scott Grills, with a second by Jim Wright; whereas, the following have been submitted:

Payroll - 02/09/08 – 02/23/08	\$	1,063.90
OPERS – February contribution	\$	276.93
First Merit – Interest	\$	47,319.71
First Merit February federal taxes	\$	60.96
First Merit – monthly analysis fee	\$	41.36
Village of Grafton – bimonthly treatment costs	\$	443.85
Verizon North Telephone - January	\$	51.67
Chronicle Telegram – ad	\$	28.05
Bobel's – office supplies	\$	39.98
Lorain County Twp Assoc – ad in directory	\$	75.00
LMRE – NISC December monthly fee	\$	92.97
LMRE – NISC January monthly fee	\$	92.97
LMRE – Plat Books	\$	30.00
LMRE – Administrative Contract for January	\$	7,036.43
LMRE – Fourth quarter postage	\$	214.19
LMRE – Fourth quarter copies and faxes	\$	133.05
LMRE – Fourth quarter mileage	\$	343.38
LMRE – February rent	\$	250.00
Stumphauzer & O'Toole – legal fees for January	\$	2,886.00
Stumphauzer & O'Toole – legal fees for February	\$	259.00
URS – wetlands engineering services for January	\$	9,631.70
URS – wetlands engineering services for February	\$	4,494.98

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) That in anticipation of receiving permanent construction funding with a financing guarantee from the USDA/ Rural Development, the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may be required to expend or incur cost for planning and/or fees for the purpose of making capital improvements to their wastewater collection facility, which costs expended or incurred will be considered a part of the total USDA/Rural Development construction loan and the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may claim such costs as reimbursable expenses through the loan.

- 2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees

concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows: 13 Yes 0 No Motion carried

The Executive Director reported on the hours worked throughout the month of February and highlighted several reports within the weekly staff report. The monthly expenditures and balances were discussed as well. He then noted his attendance at an automatic meter reading presentation held at RLCWA.

The Ohio Rural Water Association annual meeting is to be held April 7th through the 10th. Executive Director Alspach is planning to attend the open business meeting on April 8th only. Any LORCO board members who also want to attend should call the LORCO office as soon as possible. Both Fred Alspach, of LORCO, and Markus Bryant, of LMRE, have approached the RLCWA board regarding the common issues that the rural utilities have. The RLCWA board is taking their presentation under advisement.

Other Business:

There were four guests in the audience. President McConnell opened the floor for any comments or concerns. No comments came forth.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Doug Edwards, with a second by Scott Grills to adjourn at this time 8:05 p.m. and meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at the LORCO office located at 22898 West Road, Wellington. All voted yea. The motion carried.

President

Secretary-Treasurer