

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT**  
**July 8, 2010**

**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.

**Trustees in Attendance:**

Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta called the roll with the following trustees shown in attendance:

James McConnell	Thomas Lahetta	Gerald Cowie
Cindy Kurpely	James Woodrum	Ernie Hartman
James Wright	Dominic Ferritto	John Piwinski
Robert Meilander	Louise Grose	Howard Born
Rick Hutman		

**Absent:**

Neil Lynch	Rita Canfield	Don Damyanic
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**Also in Attendance:**

Dennis O'Toole, Attorney  
John Kniepper, ALMU-Chief Utilities Executive  
Becky Haines, ALMU-Special Projects Administrator  
Robert Berner, Executive Director

**Approval of Minutes:**

President McConnell stated that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10, 2010 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Gerald Cowie with a second by Cindy Kurpely to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

President McConnell discussed the regular meeting in August will include the tour of the system and corrected the location of the meeting being at the Metro Parks main office on Diagonal Road.

**New Business:**

President McConnell gave a brief update on the Executive Committee Meeting and referenced their efforts concerning the financial planning.

President McConnell reminded the members of the LMRE Annual Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

President McConnell scheduled an Executive Committee Meeting for July 21, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the LORCO offices.

Attorney O'Toole updated the board on the current easement takings. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for July 9, 2010. Trial date for any easements not received through negotiation is set for August 4, 2010.

Attorney O'Toole discussed the rejection of settlement agreement between LORCO and the City of Elyria. He referenced the hearing schedule for ERAC.

Attorney O'Toole further discussed the issues with Chestnut Lakes and the taking. He informed the board of the most recent test done which confirmed the prior 2 test concerning the soil conditions. President McConnell commented on the residents objections. John Kniepper commented on the process and his displeasure with the activities of the homeowners.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-13 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Ernie Hartman a second by Cindy Kurpley. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Policy Committee, in the absence of Chairman Lynch, Executive Director Berner presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-14 amending of the LORCO Bylaws, Article III Section 7 "Meetings of Board Members."** It was moved by Thomas Lahetta a second by Cindy Kurpley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee Chairman Piwinski reported the Finance Committee met prior to the last board meeting and information on rate plans was included in the board packets. Information was also provided showing the effects of the two alternate plans on the existing users in Barrington Park

Executive Director Berner briefly discussed the financial statement and commented on having three pay weeks in June.

Executive Director Berner presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2011.** It was moved by Louise Grose a second by John Piwinski. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner presented **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH FIRSTMERIT BANK, N.A..** It was moved by Howard Born a second by Cindy Kurpley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner discussed the news articles and public information included in the board packets.

Executive Director Berner informed the board of the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Eaton Business Roundtable and his intentions of attending.

Executive Director Berner informed the board of his vacation dates in July. He will be out of office July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines, gave an update on the Phase-I construction.

1. Contractors are working on compliance with erosion control
2. Estimates 65% of all construction is complete.
3. Remaining areas in 1B are Root Rd, Dye Rd. and Hawk Rd.  
Remaining areas in 2B are St. Rt. 83 stream crossings
4. Informed board of site visit by DEFA on June 24, 2010.

5. Informed board of site visit on July 2, 2010 by OEPA and the efforts of compliance with storm water management. He also informed the board of 2 contractors being shut down for non-compliance.
6. Informed board of ARRA funding being suspended in June due to violations. Violations are being corrected.
7. Informed board of meetings with residents concerning repairs and punch list.
8. Discussed legal problem with a resident in Eaton Twp. who made threats.

John Kniepper updated the board on the issues with contractors and assured the board the contractors must comply with all specifications in the contracts. He further discussed the wet lands mitigation and URS's resubmission of plans for the on-site issues. He further discussed frustration with issues on compliance and wanting to ensure all ARRA funds are spent on construction related expenses.

**Other Business:**

Donna Hicks from Eaton Township asked questions concerning grinder pumps and wanted information concerning the guarantee and the written policy from LORCO.

There was further discussion between President McConnell and Donna Hicks concerning various matters including Chestnut Lakes. She also requested the inspectors visiting homes provide information on grinder pumps.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Cindy Kurpley with a second by Howard Born to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

**The board will meet again in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Lorain County Metro Parks – Black River Room, 12882 Diagonal Road, LaGrange, Ohio.**

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**President**

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**Secretary-Treasurer**