

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
July 14, 2011**

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 7:03 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	Neil Lynch	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Kurpely	Jim Wright
Dominic Ferritto	John Piwinski	Mary Beth Derikito
Jim Woodrum	Rick Hutman	Jason Richardson

Absent: Howard Born, Rita Canfield, Louise Grose, Bob Meilander

Also in Attendance:

Becky Haines, Special Projects Administrator ALMU
Robert Berner, Executive Director
John Kniepper, Consultant
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Consultant

Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 9, 2011 had been mailed to all the trustees and called for any additions or corrections. It was moved by Gerald Cowie, with a second by Cindy Kurpely to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

President McConnell discussed changes to form 812 R requested at the last board meeting. It was decided to hold an Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm on August 11, 2011 prior to the next board meeting to discuss recommendations from Attorney O'Toole.

New Business:

President McConnell reported a discussion at the last officers meeting with ALMU concerning the status of the new homes added to the district as a result of the settlement with the City of Elyria. It is the officers opinion those new homes should be treated the same as existing home in the Phase I project. The lateral connections for the homes on Robson Rd. will be done by change order to the existing contract. The laterals on Rt. 82 will be researched by ALMU engineering and reported back to the board on the recommendation of how to connect those homes.

President McConnell then raised the issue of accepting new member communities and discussed the history of the existing members. Cindy Kurpley commented she believed all communities who desire to be part of LORCO should be accepted without charge. Neil Lynch responded he does not believe new communities should be charged a membership fee and believes new communities would be responsible for feasibility engineering. He further added he does not believe we should be creating any obstacles to deter new members from wanting to join LORCO. President McConnell asked the board to think about the topic and would raise the issue again next month.

President McConnell introduced the topic of a grand opening ceremony for the Phase I project. He asked for an ad hoc committee to coordinate the event. Cindy Kurpley, Mary Beth Derikito, Jason Richardson on the board volunteered. Becky Haines also volunteered her assistance from ALMU. President McConnell then asked Cindy to coordinate the committee and report back to the board.

Attorney O'Toole recommended the Executive Committee review new user agreement forms to have different language for those homes connected with grinder pumps. He further recommended until the new forms are adopted, the board should allow the Executive Director authority to modify the existing form. A motion was made by Cindy Kurpley to allow the Executive Director authority to modify the form 812 R paragraph pertaining to perpetual easements to be struck out at the user's request. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth Derikito and all voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-010 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by Dominic Ferrito, with a second by Mary Beth Derikito, The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated this would be the last month of the EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) fee from FirstMerit Bank. He informed the board he would be attending the Annual Meeting of LMRE on July 19th at the fairgrounds and invited all board members to stop by. He updated the board on news articles and commented on an article in Saturday's Chronicle concerning a complaint.

Executive Director Berner updated the board on the series of meetings with communities in Lorain County regarding regional wastewater service and indicated the next meeting on July 20th would have the financial plan presented. He informed the board the note with FirstMerit Bank will be due on July 31, 2011 and he has been working with ALMU to have this note paid through the OWDA loan. Finally, he informed the board he will be out of the office the last week of July on a family vacation.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She indicated 85 connections have been made to date and 275 user agreements returned. They have collected \$310,000 in tap fees to date. She stressed the August 19, 2011 deadline for having the assessment placed on individual taxes. She informed the board restoration is going slow but is ongoing. There are 2 grinder pumps to be installed as part of the contract and ALMU anticipates the first bills to go out August 20th to new users and will be a minimum bill. The first actual bills for usage will be sent out on September 20, 2011.

She updated the board on the St. Rt. 10 bore and indicated the surety company's boring crew pulled off the job and ALMU has hired a new company to

begin next week. Cindy Kurpley questioned why the restoration was so slow. Neil Lynch asked if there had been follow-up on the manhole issue raised at the last board meeting. John Kniepper responded the manholes will be raised by change order or other contractors.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and no board members responded.

President McConnell then asked the audience if they had any questions or remarks. Public comments were heard from:

Carl Denk raised a number of issues. He commented on the easement language in the user's agreement, new LORCO member communities, service contact for grinder pumps should be on the website, number of people and equipment needed to service grinder pumps, restoration and where boring equipment is manufactured.

Del Roig – commented he agreed with Carl Denk on adding new members and also agreed with Dennis O'Toole on language changes needed to user's agreement. He asked for billing clarification and questions how many lift stations have been powered and also asked if the Durkee Road connection has been completed.

Donna Hicks questioned the user's agreement and raised concerns about pumping and hauling of wastewater from the system.

Wayne Stewicky also had questions about the user's agreement.

Adjourn:

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Dominic Ferritto and Seconded by Jim Woodrum to adjourn at 8:18. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer