

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
November 10, 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 7:00 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	Rick Hutman	Thomas Lahetta
Gerald Cowie	Cindy Korpely	Tom Steigerwald (A)
John Piwinski	Mary Beth Derikito	Jim Woodrum
Bob Walrod (A)	Louise Grose	Jim Wright

Absent: Howard Born, Neil Lynch, Bob Meilander, Rita Canfield

Also in Attendance:

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

Swearing In:

Attorney O'Toole administered the Oath of Office to the Eaton Township Alternate, Robert Walrod

Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:

Executive Director Berner asked to add a motion to the agenda authorizing competitive bidding be done by ALMU for the purpose of constructing connection for the 43 homes added to the district resulting from the settlement with the City of Elyria.

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 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 Tom Steigerwald to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President McConnell updated the board on the monthly meeting with the officers and ALMU.

LEGAL REPORT - Attorney O'Toole had no new information to present.

POLICY COMMITTEE – Neil Lynch was absent and Executive Director Berner presented Resolution 2011-14 to adopt changes to Chapter II, Section 207.02 of the

Policy Manual. After a brief discussion a motion was made by James Woodrum with a second by Mary Beth Derikito. The vote to adopt was 12 yea and 0 nay.

The motion to authorize ALMU to advertize for bids to connect the forty-three homes located on St. Rt. 82 and Robson Rd. was made by Tom Lahetta and seconded by Cindy Kurpely with all voting yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15 for payment of payroll and bills was moved by John Piwinski, with a second by Cindy Kurpely, The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated nothing out of the ordinary. He informed the board he would be meeting with Poggemeyer Design to update the status of the Kipton sewers and regional treatment options. He informed the board the four-plex station in Eaton Township pumps were turned on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 and is now operating. He thanked the Lorain-Median Rural Electric Cooperative for the calendars presented to the board members.

Executive Director Berner informed the board he would be preparing rate information from the LORCO customers in Barrington Park subdivision in Grafton to be presented in December. He further recognized board members who had been re-elected in their respective communities and the opportunities to update newly elected officials in LORCO communities. He concluded his report by thanking the board for the support over the last 6 months while he unsuccessfully sought the Avon Lake mayor election.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines gave an update on the Phase-I construction. She informed the board the four-plex station started pumping on Wednesday with one of the four pumps operable. She informed the board it was 2 hours from the time the pump started until the treatment plant received flow. She updated the board on Elite Excavating progress installing grinder pumps. DeGoia Suburban Excavating is doing clean-up and restoration.

She informed the board ALMU will be sending our the third sewer bill for Phase I customers in November. They have met with Rural Water to work out glitches with the billing software.

She concluded by displaying the man hole dish used to keep storm water infiltration out of the sanitary sewers.

Cindy Kurpely asked if any additional storm water connections have been made to the system. Mr. Kniepper replied there have not.

Louise Grose asked if they are still getting restoration complaints. Ms. Haines replied, not as many.

Jim McConnell thanked ALUM and John and Becky for completing the project.

Becky Haines relayed information received from OWDA and DEFA on completing the project.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. He mentioned Sue Alspach had surgery. Jim Wright informed the board how proud he is to serve on the board and of the association with Avon Lake.

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

Carl Denk had 2 items. He questioned the vacant home policy and did not think they should not be billed after 3 months. He also commented the water and sewer bills should be in the same month.

Donna Hicks asked how many have hooked up to the system and asked questions concerning the certification date.

Adjourn:

With no other business to come before the board a motion was made by Tom Steigerwald and Seconded by Cindy Kurpely to adjourn at 7:42 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer