

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAINCOUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
October 11, 2012**

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	Jim Wright	Thomas Lahetta
Dominic Ferritto	Cindy Kurpely	John Piwinski
Neil Lynch	Mary Beth Derikito	Jim Woodrum
Gerald Cowie	Rita Canfield	
Bob Walrod	Louise Grose	

Absent: Howard Born, Bob Meilander, Rick Hutman

Also in Attendance:

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

Call for Changes or additions to Agenda:

President McConnell added a Policy Committee Report following the Presidents report.

Approval of Minutes:

President McConnell announced that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2012 had been sent to all the trustees. It was moved by Gerald Cowie with a second by Tom Lehettato approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

President McConnell reminded the Executive Committee to complete the Executive Director's performance evaluation. He would like them returned to him by October 25, 2012 and schedule an Executive Committee Meeting sometime in November.

New Business:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President McConnell informed the board he attended the October 1, 2012 meeting of ALMU to update them on current efforts and more would be included in the executive director's report. He also informed the board of Jason Richardson's resignation as trustee and would become an alternate. Bob Walrod will assume the duties of LORCO Trustee representing EatonTownship.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Piwinski reported the Finance Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting. They reviewed the rates for both the Phase I Project and BarringtonPark. They are recommending a 3 year 10% per year increase for the Phase I Project. The minimum bill next year would go from \$42.00 per month to \$46.20 per month. They also are recommending a \$1.00 per 1000 gallon increase in treatment rate for BarringtonPark. It was decided the board would receive all the information prior to the next board meeting before taking any action. The recommendation also included a \$1,000.00 per year increase to the tap-in fee.

LEGAL REPORT – Dennis O’Toole updated the board on the status of the Digioia Suburban Excavating lawsuit

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-17 for payment of payroll and bills was presented. It was moved by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Louise Grose to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18 Re-appropriating various funds in the 2012 budget was presented. It was moved by Tom Lahetta with a second by John Piwinski to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Executive Director Berner reported on the financial report and indicated there were no significant changes. He informed the board of a meeting he had with the LORCO accountants and the state auditors. He also informed the board of a meeting he attended in AmherstTownship concerning sewers. He updated the board on the presentation made to the ALMU Board on October 1st. He presented current efforts and exchanged ideas with the ALMU board.

Executive Director Berner informed the board of a meeting with Jones and Henry Engineering on October 2nd to discuss ideas for sewers in SouthAmherstVillage. He then presented the Phase I Financial Report.

The September report from ALMU:

844 homes are connected
1,010 customers were billed in September for \$55,364.23
Meter reading at pump station from August 6 – Sept 5 shows 5,328,700
gallons sent to plant for treatment.
Gallons of RLCWA 4,298,203
The treatment cost for September was \$13,410.39 per the contracted rate.
Wholesale rate \$3,567.516 Booked Amount \$9,842.88.
The September O & M expenses were: \$19,158.46
\$3,730.23 wages and benefits
\$2,045.12 office, billing expenses and utilities
\$825.16 Utilities
\$12,557.95 Operation and Maintenance

LORCO received \$15,000 per Cooperative Agreement

Total Expenditures for September: \$34,158.46

Balance in Custodial Account: \$1,851,662.57

Booked Billable Hours for September: \$6,783.69

Executive Director Berner continued his report with updates on the NOACA FPA information concerning Hawke Rd. He concluded by informing the board he would be attending the fall meeting of the Ohio Rural Water on October 31 and November 1st.

Neil Lynch questioned the billable hours increase. Becky Haines indicated there were a number of power outages that had to be responded to. They also had and exchange concerning the 4 Plex Pump station readings and Rural Water.

Special Projects Administrator for Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, Becky Haines had nothing new to report and offered to answer questions.

Jim McConnell asked about restoration. She responded UUI was done and DSE has not been back do to litigation.

John Piwinski questioned the timing to restore property.

Dennis O'Toole replied there is over \$300,000 being held and remedies will be negotiated.

Jim McConnell asked how many customers have damage to be repaired.

Mary Beth Derikito indicated the restoration work has become a public relations problem.

Jim Wright asked if there has been any contact with David Liller.

John Piwinski concluded remarks by stating we need to push the envelope of restoration.

Other Business:

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board. Neil Lynch indicated they would have a Policy Committee Meeting in December prior to the board meeting. President McConnell then moved to audience participation.

Linda Morrison had some questions:

1. She reported Jason Richardson told the township trustees there were 5 properties to be restored. The trustees then asked for anyone in the township to respond and she presented a list of 25 names to LORCO.
2. She presented a repair quote for Cooley Rd. Dennis O'Toole indicated he would discuss with DSE attorney.
3. She said no meeting occurred with county engineer on Cooley Rd.
4. She asked if LORCO was going to make developers pay 10% from VPP program.
5. She pointed out AvonLake is not paying for the project.

Del Roig questioned Cooperative Agreement and asked what LORCO was doing to add 75 new customers each year.

Jim McConnell responded there are efforts to bring in new customers and expand the Phase I customer base. There was discussion on how new taps can occur.

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 8:16 pm. All voted yea. Motion carried.

The board will meet again in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the LORCO offices located at 22898 West Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

President

Secretary-Treasurer