

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 12, 2017**

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. Board president Korpely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta):

Will Schlechter	√	Bill Donges		Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Jerry Cowie		Rick Hutman	√	Patti Brubaker	
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Tom Steigerwald	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	
				Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Dave Rickey, Avon Lake Regional Water board member

Election of Officers:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the LORCO Bylaws, election of officers is to take place at the first meeting of the year. Board president Cindy Korpely asked LORCO Executive Director Toy to handle the election of officers. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of President. Motion was made by Del Roig with a second by Jed Lamb to nominate Cindy Korpely to the position of President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Vice President. Motion was made by Tom Steigerwald with second by Tom Lahetta to nominate Neil Lynch to the position of Vice President. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous. The floor was then opened for nominations for the board office of Secretary-Treasurer. Motion was made by Jim Woodrum with a second by Del Roig to nominate Tom Lahetta to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Toy asked for other nominations. Being none, nominations were closed. Voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominee was unanimous.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Added Resolution 2017-3 (Reauthorization of Funds).

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lahetta to approve December 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

Asked those in attendance at the meeting to introduce themselves and give brief description of their background.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1 Approval of non-LMRE-related December deposits and payments. It was moved by Steigerwald, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2 Approval of LMRE-related December payments. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lamb to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3 Reauthorization of Funds. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lamb to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1. Royalton Road/Durkee Road group homes - Unfortunately, the developer (University Housing Solutions - UHS) ran out of time and could not wait any longer for Elyria and the county to support the FPA change. UHS had to turn bed licenses over to the state and has no further interest in this land. They have recommended that the Sabol family attorney get in contact with me to see the FPA process out. UHS has put them in touch with some other provider who might have some interest in group homes at this site, but UHS will not be involved.
2. DiGioia Phase 1 lawsuit - settled although we have yet to receive a "Judgment Satisfied" filing which legal counsel will check on.
3. Pheasant Run Village – Our December 5, 2016 public comment about other potential non-degradation alternatives to a LaGrange WWTP expansion was received and is under consideration as the agency reviews the project's technical merits. Once OEPA has made a decision, a formal response to comments will be sent out to all that commented.
4. Tentatively scheduled to give next progress report to Avon Lake Regional Water work session sometime in April.

Other Business:

Avon Lake Regional Water board member Dave Rickey gave updates on several projects.

Executive Session:

Board president Kurpely requested an executive session to discuss the executive director's employment agreement. Motion was made by Steigerwald and seconded by McConnell to enter into executive session for the requested purpose. Roll call vote was taken with all eleven members present voting in favor of the motion. Board entered into executive session at 8:15 pm. Board came out of executive session and Kurpely declared the board to be back in regular session at 8:40 pm. Motion by Roig and seconded by Woodrum for the following amendments to the agreement: salary increase of 3.0%; change insurance stipend from \$1,000 monthly to \$500 per 2-week pay period; remove monthly cell phone stipend and provide executive director with a cell phone; increase paid time off from 120 hours per year to 160 hours per year and cash-out of unused paid time off from maximum 60 hours a year to 80 hours per year; contribute \$2,600 annually to Ohio 457(b) retirement plan. Motion also authorized the board president to sign the agreement after review by legal counsel. The board requested that the changes be effective January 8, 2017. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Steigerwald and seconded by Schlechter to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and meet again on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer