

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 9, 2023**

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

Trustee Roll Call (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):

Will Schlechter (arr. 7:10)	√	Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Doug Gardner		Karol Cornelius	√	Jim McConnell	√
Kathy Frombaugh	√	Rick Hutman	√	Scott Justin	√
Jed Lamb	√	Cindy Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	√
		Dale Breining	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Roig to approve February 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

Kurpely reminded those in attendance that 3-year board terms were expiring 3/27/23 for LaGrange, Pittsfield, and Wellington Townships. Kurpely read excerpts of a letter that was received February 28, 2023 from legal counsel for Avon Lake Regional Water. Letter expressed the ALRW board's opinion that LORCO was in default under the terms of the Cooperative Agreement. Kurpely has been in communication with LORCO legal counsel and there have been communications between LORCO legal counsel and ALRW legal counsel. Will continue communication in an attempt to resolve any issues. General discussion followed. Schlechter arrived at 7:10 pm during this discussion. Moved on to consideration of Resolutions at 7:25 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 Approval of non-LMRE & RLCWA-related February deposits and payments. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Frombaugh to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 16 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11 Approval of RLCWA-related February payments. It was moved by Wright with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Kurpely, Lamb and Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 Approval of Reauthorization of Funds. It was moved by Lamb, with a second by Breining to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 16 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 Approve Then & Now Purchase Order. It was moved by Cornelius, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 16 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

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March 9, 2023 Project Status Summary		
Project	Location	Status
Eaton Crossing - Phase 1 (Frontier Land Group)	South side of State Route 82 between Island Road & Reed Road (near Schild's IGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working on homes on Sublots 44, 45, and Outlot 1. • Started home on Outlot 2. • Received two plot plans last week to review (Maurer Blvd) • Phase 1 is 51 sublots beginning at Island Road & heading east • Total project - 217 homes on approximately 80 acres
Woods at Eaton — Phase 1 (Jonathan Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to review and approve plot plans. • Home construction continuing at a steady pace. • Phase 1 is 50 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.
Woods at Eaton — Phase 2 (Jonathan Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same status as last month. • Phase 1 is moving along steadily so their plan is to have Phase 2 paved by August or September of this year. • Anticipate turning in plans for review in the next couple of weeks. • Phase 2 is 53 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.
Barrington subdivision - Phase 10 (Yost Construction)	Barrington subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same status as last month. • Received detailed plans for Cycle 2 review. • Developer is proposing to replace existing 15" sewer with properly-sized 8" sewer. • Eccentric 15"x8" PVC adaptor was approved in lieu of a new manhole. • Existing manhole raceway is not in good condition and will need to be field fixed/modified. • 50 sublots in Phase 10.
Beaver Creek (Yost Construction)	Durkee Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same status as last month. • Developer has received variance from ODOT for ingress/egress to State Route 82, as Durkee Road is within 0.5 mile. • Phase 1 - 91 sublots off of Durkee Road and State Route 82. • Entire project is proposed 245 sublots on 158 acres.
Cinnamon Lake - Force main	Cinnamon Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted work order to First Energy for new electrical service at pump location. • Work continues on installing 8" diameter force main from Cinnamon Lake toward West Salem. As of yesterday (3/7) there had been a total of 9075 LF of force main installed (Approx 40%). With a second drill rig being here for the entire month of March, the contractor should be real close to being done installing pipe about a month from now.

- 2) Board room refrigerator moved to different location.
- 3) Inquiry from American Augers regarding potential significant plant expansion at their Ashland County facility. Working with RLCWA and Village of West Salem to coordinate possible infrastructure improvements. Approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the village on US 42. If American Augers only, approximately 5 HP pump at 40 GPM. If we were to add Hidden Lakes MHP and Campground, approximately 10 HP pump at 180 GPM.

Hidden Lakes has approximately 37 mobile homes; 16 structures around perimeter of big lake; and 111 camping spots. Package plant has design flow of 15,000 GPD but have had few (if any) months in the last 3 years under that number so they may be on Ohio EPA's radar screen.

- 5) Met this afternoon here at LORCO offices with Jeff Armbruster (Lorain County administrator) and Corey Timko (North Ridgeville WWTP superintendent). North Ridgeville has been approached in the past as well as recently by ALRW Chief Utilities Executives and board members about "taking over" LORCO. I provided J. Armbruster and C. Timko with LORCO revenue and expense data; flow volumes; # of grinder pumps versus gravity connections; transmission line capacity; etc. According to them, ALRW would like to get out of the sewer business and be in the water business only. J. Armbruster and C. Timko interested in whether or not LORCO would be willing to consider flow going to French Creek WWTP instead of ALRW and to be part of a planning group representing a significant part of the county. LORCO 12" and 16" transmission force mains run just west of French Creek Plant. French Creek plant is approximately 11 miles north of the QuadPlex and it is another approximately 3.5 miles from there to ALRW's plant. French Creek treatment rates are approximately 1/3 of what we are charged by ALRW. French Creek discounts wet weather flow 48%. Will have continued discussions with all parties.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Breining and seconded by Schlechter to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm and meet again on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer