

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
December 12, 2024**

**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 (Board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer):**

Will Schlechter		Michael Koch	√	Neil Lynch	√
Kelly West	√	Karol Cornelius		Bill Forthofer	
Kathy Frombaugh	√	Rick Hutman	√	Scott Justin	
Jed Lamb		Cindy Korpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Laurie Beran	√	Jim Wright	
		Dale Breining	√	Jim Woodrum	√

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Rick Witucki, LORCO Director of Operations; Chris Basista and Tom Berry, Cinnamon Lake Association

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve November 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

Introduced new LORCO Director of Operations, Rick Witucki. Announced that the Executive Committee had met at 6 pm prior to the board meeting and that there would be an executive session immediately following the executive director's report for the purpose of considering the compensation of a public employee or official.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-42 Approval of non-RLCWA-related November deposits and payments.** It was moved by Beran, with a second by West to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43 Approval of RLCWA-related November payments.** It was moved by Frombaugh with a second by Breining to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-44 Accept Lift Station Improvements and Telemetry Improvements project bids.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-45 Authorize Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan application.** It was moved by Beran, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46 Approve Reauthorization of Funds.** It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47 Approve Then & Now Purchase Orders.** It was moved by Koch, with a second by West to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48 Approve 2025 permanent budget.** It was moved by Koch, with a second by West to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49 Authorize contract document execution for ARPA Project 182722 Wet Weather I&I evaluation and remediation.** It was moved by Frombaugh, with a second by Beran to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

1.

<u>December 12, 2024 Project Status Summary</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>
Eaton Crossing - Frontier Land Group/Ryan Homes	On south side of State Route 82 - north of Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fecho Excavating done with Phase 4 sanitary sewer construction.</li> <li>• Phase 4 consists of 38 additional sublots (SL 89 through SL 127.)</li> <li>• Cunningham and Associates are currently working on Phase 5 plans (46 sublots).</li> <li>• Phase 6 is 45 sublots and there is also some vacant land to the south that has potential for additional residential development.</li> </ul>
Woods at Eaton — Phase 2 (Eaton Ventures LLC/ Ryan Homes)	Cooley Road (west of Woods at Eaton, Phase 1 & north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitary sewer PTI is currently under review by Ohio EPA.</li> <li>• New Phase 2 will be 25 sublots. Total of previous Phase 2 was 53 sublots.</li> <li>• Phase 2 is 53 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.</li> </ul>
Beaver Creek, Phase 1 - Springvale Development Co LTD	Durkee Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke with developer yesterday. Site work ongoing.</li> <li>• Developer plans to pour roads in the Spring.</li> <li>• Beaver Creek, Phase 1 is 42 sublots off of Durkee Road and State Route 82.</li> <li>• Entire project is proposed 245 sublots on 158 acres.</li> </ul>
Ohio Dept of Development, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project No. 182722	Carlisle Township and Eaton Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wet weather inflow &amp; infiltration (I&amp;I) project bids were advertised 12/4 and 12/9. Bids to be opened 12/16.</li> <li>• Project scope is outlined in Resolution No. 2024-49.</li> <li>• This is final phase of ARPA Project No. 182722.</li> </ul>
Creekwood Golf Course	Reed Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project was granted preliminary approval by the Lorain County Planning Commission on November 21st.</li> <li>• Project engineer is working on detailed sanitary sewer plans that will be submitted to LORCO for Cycle 1 review.</li> <li>• Current plans call for four (4) phases and a total of 462 homes (136 - single family detached; 124 - single family attached (2-unit); and 202 - single family attached (4-unit).</li> <li>• <u>Phase 1</u> plans are for 124 homes (36 - single family detached; 32 - single family attached (2-unit); and 56 - single family attached (4-unit).</li> </ul>

2. Have not received any additional monthly reports from ALRW since last board meeting. Received August monthly report from ALRW on 11/5/24 and sent to board via email on that date. Received September monthly report this afternoon. Copies are at board seats.
3. Opened Cinnamon Lake lift station improvements (OTSCIF - \$1 million grant and remaining Ashland Co. Commissioners ARPA grant) and lift station telemetry/SCADA improvements (OWDA loan application) project bids on 11/14/24. Project engineers have made award recommendations (Resolution No. 2024-44). Will submit OWDA loan application in January 2025 for telemetry project (Resolution No. 2024-45).
4. Working with ALRW and Lorain County on Eaton Estates flow agreement. The County's NPDES permit gives them until May 1, 2025 to submit a plan to Ohio EPA for connecting to LORCO's sanitary sewer collection system.
5. Legal counsel for LORCO, ALRW, and Lorain County meeting 12/16/24 at DGMP Law to discuss draft agreements necessary for formation of a new 6119 regional treatment entity. Wastewater treatment regionalization group meeting 12/16/24 at 3 pm for final review/prep discussion for the scheduled 12/18/24, 1 pm meeting with Ohio Department of Development regarding the Lorain County All Ohio Future Fund (AOFF) funding request for wastewater treatment regionalization.
6. We may need to call a special LORCO board meeting in mid or late January for a thorough briefing on 6119 formation. No other business would be conducted at the meeting.

**Executive Session:**

Board president Kurpely requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing executive director performance reviews and executive director employment agreement. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Koch to enter executive session for the stated purpose. Roll call vote was taken by board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Toy was excused, Mr. Berry, Mr. Basista, and Mr. Witucki left the meeting, and executive session began at 7:55 pm. At 8:04 pm, Toy was admitted back into the room and Kurpely asked for a motion, second, and roll call vote to re-enter regular session. It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lynch to re-enter regular session. Roll call vote was taken by board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Board re-entered regular session at 8:04 pm. Proposed amendments to the executive director's employment agreement were discussed. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Beran to authorize amendments to the employment agreement. Roll call vote was taken by board secretary-treasurer Wesemeyer. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Board president Kurpely will work with legal counsel to draft an employment agreement addendum.

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by West and seconded by Breining to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm and meet again on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer