

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 14, 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 Kurpely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Member Swearing-In:

Oath of office was administered by Cindy Kurpely, LORCO board president to Kelly West (LaGrange Township).

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 Kurpely	√	Del Roig	√
Carl Wesemeyer	√	Tom Lahetta	√	Jim Wright	
		Dale Breining	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Laurie Beran, Village of South Amherst; Chris Basista, Cinnamon Lake property owner

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Breining, with a second by Lahetta to approve February 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9 Approval of non-RLCWA-related February deposits and payments. It was moved by Koch, with a second by Schlechter to approve the resolution. Roig asked questions about the LMRE accounting services charges. Toy will gather additional information and get back with the board. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director Report:

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March 14, 2024 Project Status Summary		
Project	Location	Status
Eaton Crossing - Phase 2	East of Phase 1. Connects Phase 1 (Island Road entrance) with Reed Road to the east	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Homes has started selling lots. We have received 5 or 6 plot plans to review & approve. • Ryan Homes reports that sales are going well. • Phase 2 consists of 45 additional sublots. • Developer plans to monitor Phase 2 lot sales before finalizing a timeline for moving forward with Phase 3.
Woods at Eaton — Phase 2 (Yost/Palmer)	Cooley Road (north of Mallard Creek Golf Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with developer yesterday. Phase 2 design isn't proceeding as the developer had hoped due to some apparent staffing/workload issues with the design professional. • 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"> • Five homes currently under construction. • 20 sublots in Phase 10.
Beaver Creek (Yost Construction)	Durkee Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer is meeting next week with his design professional. • Developer's goal is still to have infrastructure built and concrete poured sometime in 2024. • Phase 1 is 91 sublots off of Durkee Road and State Route 82. • Entire project is proposed 245 sublots on 158 acres.

- No 2024 reports received to date from ALRW. December 2023 monthly reports received 2/6/24 from ALRW. Sent to LORCO board members via email on that same date.
- Provided Rea and Associates Custodial Fund Excel sheet work to ALRW on 2/27/24. Rea received questions on two Excel sheet items on 2/28/24 from ALRW's Business & Financial Coordinator, Bill Logan. Rea responded with the requested information. Waiting to hear from ALRW to schedule an in-person meeting.
- Cinnamon Lake (Lift station 2, Lift station 4, and main lift station) update. Lift station 2 - waiting for a riser, and the fence to be replaced once the riser is in. Pumps are in and are running great. Lift station 4 – work is almost complete. New generator is in place. Waiting to finish electrical upgrade and the fence to be replaced. Pumps are in and running great. Main lift station – contractor is waiting on one fitting to come in and they will replace the two Schedule 80 plastic lines with cast iron. The new generator has been set and startup and training tentatively scheduled for tomorrow.
- Currently working on three (3) separate funding sources for remaining lift station improvement work planned for Cinnamon Lake. 1) WPCLF – finalizing loan application

documents for submittal to Ohio EPA. WPCLF is not the preferred option as it is loan & therefore has to be paid back but it is necessary to line up this funding source in case we do not receive grant funds. 2) ARPA Round 6 – ODOD does not plan to release any information on awarded projects until after the March 19, 2024 primary election. 3) Ohio Senate capital budget – submitted grant request to State Sen. Mark Romanchuk’s office. Successful projects are supposed to be announced in late April.

6. Attended preconstruction meeting last week for Phase 1 manhole replacement project. Manholes are being produced by Mack Industries and DRS Enterprises will probably begin installation in late May or early June.
7. NOACA received the necessary Letters of Support from all required affected entities (ALRW, Lorain County, Eaton Township, and Elyria) by the March 6, 2024 NOACA deadline for the FPA change request for a single, 5-acre parcel on Castleton Lane. Request was filed 1/18/24. The parcel is currently in the Elyria FPA but the city does not have sewers nearby. Projected NOACA schedule: 3/15/24 Water Quality Subcommittee agenda as an Action Item; recommended to the Planning & Programming Committee (4/12/24); recommended to the Executive Committee (5/10/24) for placement on the Board’s agenda on 6/7/24 = adoption via resolution = officially modified.
8. Met with representatives from Huntington Bank. Received information on “Reverse Positive Pay”. This is a program offered by Huntington to positively confirm that LORCO vendor checks are being cashed by the intended entity. Also received a new signature card from Huntington that will need to be signed by myself, Cindy, and Neil and returned to Huntington.

Other Business:

Policy Committee will meet at 6 pm prior to the April 11, 2024 board meeting to discuss a proposal to apply a portion of customer tap fee payments to the cost of line extensions where it is necessary to extend existing LORCO lines in order to be able to serve new customers.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Schlechter and seconded by Frombaugh to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and meet again on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer