

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
August 8, 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.

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	√	Laurie Beran	√	Jim Wright	√
		Dale Breining	√	Jim Woodrum	√

Also in Attendance:

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve July 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

LORCO Executive Director annual performance review forms will be distributed at next month's board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23 Approval of non-RLCWA-related July deposits and payments. It was moved by Beran, with a second by West to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 14 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24 Approval of RLCWA-related July payments. It was moved by Koch with a second by Breining to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1.

August 8, 2024 Project Status Summary		
Project	Location	Status
Eaton Crossing - Phase 4 (Frontier Land Group/Ryan Homes)	On south side of State Route 82 - north of Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer revised and resubmitted detailed plans 8/5/24. • LORCO provided Cycle 2 review comments to developer 8/8/24. • Previous "Phase 3" has been re-named Phase 4. • Sublots are on Kara Court and Porter Way on the south side of Royalton Road. • Phase 4 consists of 38 additional sublots (SL 89 through SL 127).
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"> • Approved shop drawing submissions 8/6/24. • Sanitary sewer plans and PTI documents resubmitted to LORCO. • Phase 2 is 53 sublots on south side of Cooley Road.
Beaver Creek, Phase 1 - Springvale Development Co LTD	Durkee Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LORCO provided Cycle 2 plan review comments to the developer on 6/19/24. Still waiting on detailed plans and PTI documents from the developer. • Beaver Creek, Phase 1 is 42 sublots off of Durkee Road and State Route 82. • Entire project is proposed 245 sublots on 158 acres.
LORCO - Cinnamon Lake general lift station improvements	Cinnamon Lake - Ashland County, Jackson Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General lift station improvements to Lift Station Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8. • Detailed plans and Permit to Install (PTI) application submitted to Ohio EPA in May 2024. Received word late last week from Ohio EPA that the PTI submittal is still under review. • Submitted Project Agreement and funding application to the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM). OBM is administering the OTSCIF grant program. • Next steps for LORCO - obtain PTI from Ohio EPA and start project bidding process.
LORCO - Cinnamon Lake lift station SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) remote monitoring	Cinnamon Lake - Ashland County, Jackson Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect LORCO-Cinnamon Lake lift stations to the Village of West Salem treatment plant, lift stations, and well field SCADA system. • New system will be cellular and will sync with West Salem's system. Current system is radio-based and relies on a radio receiver device connected to a computer at Cinnamon Lake to turn a lift station alarm radio signal into a telephone signal that then makes a call to the emergency on-call maintenance person. • Approximately \$75,000 project will be paid for using remaining \$500,000 ARPA grant funding received from the Ashland County Commissioners. • Received legal opinion from DGMP Law regarding bidding requirements/process. Document preparation is underway.
Slife Road lift station replacement and concrete manhole replacement	Carlisle Township and Eaton Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Slife Road lift station is in place and just waiting on some electrical work before it becomes operational. • As of 8/5/24, the contractor had successfully installed 22 out of 42 Type V special manholes. • Based on current install rate, projected to finish with all installation work sometime during the week of September 9th. • Restoration will follow installation.

2. Meeting tomorrow morning with the County and ALRW to discuss proposed draft Agreement received from the County on 7/5/24 for LORCO to begin treating flow from Eaton Estates.

3. Received a response from Rea & Associates regarding LORCO's inquiry about having FY2024 financial statements prepared by Rea. After reviewing LORCO's prior years' financial statements, Rea feels that due to some of the unique and complex nature of our existing contracts, Rea's price may not align with our current budget. Rea would likely charge LORCO around \$18,000 for financial statement preparation. Rea has suggested possibly referring us to Julian & Grube, a firm that offers similar services at a more competitive rate. If LORCO would still like a more formal proposal knowing Rea's price, they are willing to put that together. The board suggested getting a quote from Julian & Grube and Toy will work on that.

4. Reminder to board members – Ohio Auditor of State’s office fraud training needs to be completed and certificates & attestation forms returned to LORCO.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Schlechter and seconded by Breining to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm and meet again on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer