

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
June 13, 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; Chris Basista, Cinnamon Lake property owner; Tom Berry, Cinnamon Lake property owner

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Koch, with a second by Roig to approve May 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 Approval of non-RLCWA-related May deposits and payments.** It was moved by Beran, with a second by Koch to approve the resolution. Roig asked a question about multiple checks written to LMRE. Toy answered that it was due to a new accountant at LMRE and that future payments would involve one check for multiple invoices. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17 Approval of RLCWA-related May payments.** It was moved by Koch with a second by Cornelius to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18 Approve Reauthorization of Funds.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Beran to approve the resolution. Kurpely asked Toy to provide a brief explanation. Purpose for the Reauthorization of Funds is to revise the 2024 budget to reflect Ohio Department of Development ARPA Project 182722 payments to DRS Enterprises for the Phase 1 manhole replacement project. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19 Approve Then & Now Purchase Order.** It was moved by Beran, with a second by West to approve the resolution. Kurpely asked Toy to provide a brief explanation. Purpose for the Then & Now purchase order is to provide for Ohio Department of Development ARPA Project 182722 payments to DRS Enterprises for the Phase 1 manhole replacement project. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

1. Review Cinnamon Lake Lift Station Improvements project Scope of Work at each lift station (distributed hard copies.)
2. Cinnamon Lake grant funding summary since 2021

<b>Project</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Force main</b>	<b>ARPA – Ashland County</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Force main</b>	<b>CDBG – Ashland County</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b>Force main</b>	<b>Ohio Dept. of Development Water &amp; Wastewater Infrastructure grant</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Lift station improvements</b>	<b>One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund grant (Ohio Senate Dist. 22)</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

- a. \$3.25 million borrowed from OWDA would have resulted in debt service payments of approximately \$250,000 annually over the next 20 years.
- b. If this money would have been borrowed from a typical public projects funding source such as OWDA, customer rates would have been needed to be raised approximately 40% to cover debt service payments.
3. March 2024 ALRW monthly reports received 5/29/24 and distributed via email to the board on that date. No additional 2024 reports received as of today from ALRW.

4. Received detailed plans and Permit to Install (PTI) forms from Yost Construction for Beaver Creek subdivision Phase 1 (42 sublots.)
5. Responded to request from developer for LORCO sanitary sewer plans on Slife Rd, State Route 301, Hidden Lane, and Banks Road. Evaluating potential development on several large parcels.
6. Received LORCO 2023 financial statements from Radachi and Company. Copies are at board seats. Financial statements have been submitted to the Ohio Auditor of State's office and will be audited by Canter and Associates.

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Koch and seconded by Woodrum to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm and meet again on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer