

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
July 11, 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 June 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20 Approval of non-RLCWA-related June deposits and payments. It was moved by Schlechter, with a second by Frombaugh to approve the resolution. Lynch asked a question about payments to the Cinnamon Lake Association (CLA) for shared office expense. Toy answered that LORCO entered into the same arrangement for shared office services in 2017 as the Cinnamon Lake Utilities Association (CLUA) had prior to that with CLA. Toy explained that LORCO's other options would be to hire our own

staff or to contract with a different entity such as the Village of West Salem. At the present time, Toy does not recommend a different option as the current arrangement is mutually beneficial to both LORCO and CLA. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21 Approval of RLCWA-related June payments. It was moved by Koch with a second by West to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 10 Yeas. 0 Nays. Wesemeyer abstained. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22 Resolution of Appreciation – Tom Lahetta. It was moved by Beran, with a second by Kurpely to approve the resolution recognizing Tom Lahetta for his years of service to LORCO as a board member and officer. The vote was as follows: 11 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

1.

July 11, 2024 Project Status Summary		
Project	Location	Status
Eaton Crossing - Phase 3 (Frontier Land Group/Ryan Homes)	On south side of State Route 82 - north of Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer has submitted detailed plans and PTI documents. • Phase 3 consists of 38 additional sublots.
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"> • Previously-issued PTI expired. • 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. Next step would be to receive 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. • On June 28, 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 2 appropriating \$717.8 million for One Time Strategic Community Investments (OTSCIF). • With assistance from State Sen. Mark Romanchuk's office, LORCO was awarded a \$1 million OTSCIF grant for the LORCO - Cinnamon Lake General Lift Station Improvements project. • The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) is administering the OTSCIF grant program and will be opening the system to access funding by mid-July. • 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. • Waiting on legal opinion from DGMP Law regarding bidding requirements/process.

2. No additional 2024 reports received as of today from ALRW since March 2024 ALRW monthly reports received 5/29/24 and distributed via email to the board on that date.

3. Had teleconference with Radachi and Company 7/10/24 to discuss 2023 LORCO financial statements. Document has been submitted to the Ohio Auditor of State's (AOS) office for review.

4. Received proposed draft Agreement from the County on 7/5/24 for LORCO to begin treating flow from Eaton Estates. Document was sent to LORCO legal counsel and the Executive Committee for review. Legal counsel submitted comments back to LORCO late yesterday. Will continue working with the County and ALRW.
5. Fiddler's Green, Phase 4 is a proposed subdivision on the east side of Durkee Road in Eaton Township just north of the Village of Grafton. Phases 1 through 3 are already built and are within the Grafton corp. limits. Grafton filed an annexation petition for the Phase 4 parcel a few years ago. The annexation petition was approved by the Lorain County commissioners but then overturned on an appeal filed by Eaton Township. Legal counsel for the developer recently reached out to LORCO legal counsel and this resulted in a meeting between legal counsel for LORCO, the developer, and the village. Discussions are continuing to reach an amicable resolution that would be beneficial to all parties.

Other Business:

None

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 7:58 pm and meet again on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Voice vote to approve was unanimous.

President

Secretary-Treasurer