

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT
March 8, 2007**

Call to Order –

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District was held at the LORCO office, 22898 West Road, Wellington Ohio. President McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustees in Attendance –

Scott Grills	James Wright	Barbara Harper
Don Wittmer	Thomas Lahetta	Neil Lynch
Jim McConnell	Joseph Knoble	John Piwinski
Gerald Cowie	Doug Edwards	Dwaine Clinker
William Holtzman (A)		Dorothy Collins

Also in Attendance –

Fred Alspach, Executive Director
Becky Haines, Administrative Assistant
Russ McLaughlin, Legal Counsel

Absent –

Dominic Ferritto and Ernest Hartman

Oath of Office –

Attorney McLaughlin administered the oath of office to Scott Grills representing Camden Township; Joseph Knoble representing Henrietta Township; William Holtzman representing Elyria Township as an alternate; Jim Wright representing Carlisle Township; and Doug Edwards representing Eaton Township.

Approval of the Minutes –

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2007 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by John Piwinski with a second by Barbara Harper to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Executive Director Alspach reported that the application for the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loan Commitment has been thoroughly reviewed by the Massillon District office and per their request FirstMerit Bank has submitted a spreadsheet reflecting changes in the presentation of the treatment fees and conveyance costs. It is anticipated that this final change to the financial

analysis will satisfy their requirements and the application will be forwarded to Columbus next week.

New Business –

President McConnell reported that he spoke with Elyria Township regarding their representation at the monthly board meetings. Rick Hutman will remain as their representative and will return to the board and William Holtzman has been appointed alternate in the event their representative is unavailable to attend.

Currently the 2006 Annual Report is being prepared and should be in draft form for the board's approval shortly.

Policy Committee Chairman Lynch reported that a meeting had been held earlier in the evening to consider changes to LORCO's Fiscal Policy regarding a uniform service rate and tap fees throughout the entire LORCO service area.

A motion was made by Douglas Edwards with a second by Scott Grills authorizing Executive Director Alspach and Attorney O'Toole to prepare a modified Fiscal Policy containing the language changes by the committee for presentation and acceptance at the April board meeting. All voted unanimously and the motion passed.

Chairman Lynch continued stating that the Administrative Staff had presented drafts of a modified Users Agreement (Form 812) and Tap Permit (Form 809) which consolidated the information and required no action from the board on any language change. These amended documents will be provided to the members for their Policy handbooks by the next regular board meeting.

Resolution 2007-03 Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Scott Grills, seconded by Don Wittmer, WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payroll 01/28/07 – 02/10/07	\$	1,419.23
Payroll 02/14/07 – 02/24/07	\$	1,419.23
Verizon Telephone – February	\$	50.71
OPERS – February contribution	\$	832.52
LMRE – miscellaneous expense	\$	48.04
LORCO – reimburse petty cash	\$	101.29
FirstMerit – January Federal employment tax	\$	612.29
FirstMerit – February Federal employment tax	\$	612.29
Coalition of Regional Districts – membership fees	\$	150.00
CJ Business Forms – envelopes	\$	186.24
LMRE – February rent	\$	250.00
LMRE – Administrative Contract for February	\$	6,664.77

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) That in anticipation of receiving permanent construction funding with a financing guarantee from the USDA-Rural Development, the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may be required to expend or incur cost for planning and/or fees for the purpose of making capital improvements to their wastewater collection facility, which costs expended or incurred will be considered a part of the total USDA/Rural Development construction loan and the LORCO Rural Wastewater District may claim such costs as reimbursable expenses through the loan.
- 2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and of any of its committees resulting in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Vote resulted as follows: 14 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2007-04 Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Thomas Lahetta with a second by Don Witter;

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District permanent budget was approved in accordance with Ohio Law on December 14, 2006, and;

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District amended permanent budget for 2007 is hereby attached, and;

WHEREAS, full discussion has been held.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Lorain County Rural Wastewater District 2007 Permanent Budget is hereby approved with Exhibits attached reflecting an increase in the Administrative Fees (LMRE) from \$52,000.00 to \$85,000.00.
2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and any of its committees resulting in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Voted resulted as follows: 14 yea 0 nay. Motion carried.

Executive Director Alspach reviewed the weekly staff reports, correspondence, and relative news articles. Alspach referred to his memo to the

board members dated February 26, 2007, and expanded on the preparation of information provided to New Russia Township Trustee, Frank Pakish, who is the Township's representative on the NOACA board. The NOACA subcommittee review of population projections in our Phase I service area received a positive recommendation and will go to the full NOACA board at their next meeting for acceptance.

LORCO has received an invitation to have a booth at the Lorain County Fair. The cost for the week will be a \$100.00 as we sublet the space from LMRE.

A motion was made by Doug Edwards with a second from Scott Grills authorizing the Executive Director to complete the application and remit payment to the Fair Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business –

President McConnell called for any further questions or comments from the audience.

Linda Morrison, Eaton Township Trustee requested the board take into consideration her comments regarding the revenues derived through the proposed subdivision by J&RR Investments, LLC when reviewing the contract for approval.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by John Piwinski with a second by Doug Edwards to adjourn at this time 8:15 PM and meet again in regular session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the LORCO office located at 22898 West Road, Wellington. All voted yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary Treasurer