

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT**  
**October 11, 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 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Trustees in Attendance –**

Douglas Edwards	Dominic Ferritto	Ernest Hartman
Barbara Harper	John Piwinski	Gerald Cowie
Thomas Lahetta	Dorothy Collins	Scott Grills
Neil Lynch	Rick Hutman	Jim McConnell
Dwaine Clinker		Dennis Shumaker

**Also in Attendance –**

Fred Alspach, Executive Director  
Dennis O'Toole, Legal Counsel  
Becky Haines, Administrative Assistant

**Absent –** James Wright and Joseph Knoble

**Approval of the Minutes –**

President McConnell noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2007 were mailed to all board members and called for any corrections or additions. It was moved by Scott Grills with a second by Douglas Edwards to approve the minutes as written. All voted yea. Motion carried.

**Old Business –**

Executive Director Alspach noted that the wetlands delineation has been completed and that URS Greiner Consultants will have the application completed for submission to the Army Corps of Engineers by November 1, 2007. The application for the Ohio EPA 401 permit will be submitted by December 1, 2007 as mandated under the Permit to Install (PTI) conditions.

Mr. Alspach then reviewed several tasks which are being addressed simultaneously in order to proceed with advertising and ultimately awarding the contracts for construction.

## New Business –

President McConnell reported that on September 26<sup>th</sup> he attended the Ohio Water Development Authority (ODWA) Board Meeting at their office in Columbus with Executive Director Alspach; FirstMerit Bank officials Bill Lamb, Dan Freeman and Phil Hohler; USDA-Rural Developments Dave Douglas and John Miller; and John Kniepper of Avon Lake Utilities. Collectively they presented a detailed review of the LORCO Phase 1 Project. The chairman of the OWDA board made some brief comments and stated that the OWDA staff would work with LORCO and FirstMerit to bring together a loan commitment. President McConnell drafted a letter of response to their Executive Director, Steve Grossman, in which he addressed some of the concerns expressed at the meeting. Upon receipt of that letter a meeting was scheduled with OWDA staff, LORCO officials, the bank representatives, and legal counsel at the OWDA offices on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

Attorney O'Toole reported he had reviewed proposed language changes to LORCO's Public Access and Availability of Records Policy in light of Ohio House Bill 9 in which there are changes in the practice of how records are compiled and disseminated. He requested that the board defer action until after review by the Policy Committee. A Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

**Resolution 2007-16** Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the LORCO Rural Wastewater District that it was moved by Thomas Lahetta, seconded by Scott Grills, WHEREAS, the following have been submitted:

Payroll 08/26/07 – 09/08/07	\$	1,443.27
Payroll 09/09/07 – 09/22/07	\$	1,443.27
Verizon – landline	\$	66.79
OPERS – September contribution	\$	849.20
LORCO – petty cash reimbursement	\$	110.45
FirstMerit – federal deposit for September	\$	632.14
Lorain County Auditor – certification fee	\$	1.00
Bobel's – office supplies	\$	51.27
FirstMerit Bank – interest	\$	29,417.03
FirstMerit – Visa	\$	317.80
CJ Business Forms – envelopes	\$	118.68
Ohio State Treasurer – third quarter payroll taxes	\$	438.90
Central Collection Agency – third quarter payroll taxes	\$	159.11
LMRE – NISC monthly software support & miscellaneous	\$	117.10
North Grafton Realty – lateral expense	\$	3,975.00
CSX Transportation – Permit fee	\$	3,378.00
FirstMerit – analysis fee	\$	39.40
Village of Grafton – tap fee	\$	2,160.00
LMRE – Rental expense for October	\$	250.00
LMRE – Administrative Contract for August	\$	7,036.43

LMRE – Third quarter postage	\$	198.87
LMRE – Third quarter copies & faxes	\$	153.45
LMRE – Third quarter mileage	\$	564.06

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

Executive Director Alspach completed the Administrative Report reviewing the meetings held, the staff report, correspondence and news articles. He also reported a meeting was held at the LORCO office with Aide's from Congresswoman Sutton's office to discuss and learn more about LORCO. We will continue to keep them apprised of our progress and solicit their support.

He and Administrative Assistant Haines had an opportunity to visit operating Gorman-Rupp pump stations and were provided an in-depth overview of their operation and maintenance.

Administrative Assistant Haines updated the members on the status of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and County Right of Way permits. She stated that the CSX Transportation permits are in place and that upon receipt of the amended plans will begin contacting residents for easements. Concluding her report she stated that the State Auditors had begun the biennial audit and that they hoped to be done by the end of next week.

President McConnell called for any other business to come before the Board and asked the audience if they had any questions or concerns.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dominic Ferritto with a second by Ernest Hartman to adjourn at this time 8:10 PM and meet again in regular session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at

the LORCO office located at 22898 West Road, Wellington. All voted yea.  
Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary Treasurer