

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LORAIN COUNTY RURAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
APRIL 9, 2015**

**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 McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Trustee Roll Call (by Secretary-Treasurer Lahetta):**

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| Howard Born – ABSENT         | Bill Donges – PRESENT    | David Urig – PRESENT      |
| Doug Gardner – PRESENT       | Joe Pirl – ABSENT        | James McConnell - PRESENT |
| Gerald Cowie – PRESENT       | Rick Hutman – PRESENT    | Patti Brubaker - PRESENT  |
| Mary Beth Derikito – PRESENT | Cindy Korpely – PRESENT  | Del Roig - PRESENT        |
| Tom Steigerwald – ABSENT     | Thomas Lahetta – PRESENT | Berry Taylor – PRESENT    |
|                              |                          | James Woodrum – PRESENT   |

**Also in Attendance:**

Eugene M. Toy, Executive Director; Don Krueck, New Russia Twp.; John Sabo, Lorain County General Health District (LCGHD); Mark Smith, LCGHD; Dave Rickey, Avon Lake Regional Water board member.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Cowie, with a second by Roig to approve March 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Voice vote for approval was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

Board president McConnell introduced Mark Smith and John Sabo from LCGHD. They gave a presentation regarding new statewide septic system rules that are now in effect. Rules are now the same for all counties. New rules have opened up more building possibilities. It is now required to hire a soil scientist and design a system for a specific house. There is no longer a strict, 2 acre requirement for onsite treatment. Systems will be required to have an operation and maintenance (O&M) contract. Every system in the county (approximately 22,000) will eventually be required to have an operating permit. LCGHD is trying to get this accomplished within ten years. There are currently only three LCGHD inspectors so this may be difficult to accomplish. Haulers are having difficulty finding places to dispose of wastewater that is pumped when septic systems are cleaned. There was discussion about the Carrington Pointe subdivision in Carlisle Township off of Banks Road. LORCO is considering onsite grinder pump units and a low pressure force main as a way to serve the subdivision. Board president McConnell stated that there should be better communication and dialog between LORCO and LCGHD.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

Card was passed around for board members to sign for John Piwinski. It was suggested during our last audit that LORCO funds should not be used for funeral flowers so we will establish a "flower fund" by passing around an envelope for voluntary contributions by board members at monthly meetings. Attended March 17, 2015 NOACA Hawke Road meeting. Executive director will provide details.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-8 Approval of non-LMRE-related March deposits and payments.** It was moved by Roig, with a second by Lahetta to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 13 Yeas. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9 Approval of LMRE-related March deposits and payments.** It was moved by Kurpely, with a second by Derikito to approve the resolution. The vote was as follows: 12 Yeas. 0 Nays. McConnell abstained. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Met with village of West Salem and their engineer on the proposed Cinnamon Lake force main project. Village engineers are working on a preliminary engineering study for a wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Timeline for completion is one to two months. After the study is completed the village and LORCO will negotiate a treatment rate for wastewater from Cinnamon Lake.
- Met with the village of Grafton regarding treatment rates and wastewater collection/treatment issues.
- Discussed treatment rates that are being charged to Barrington Park customers. Rates being charged to LORCO have been increased by Grafton four times since 2009 for a total increase of approximately 41%. LORCO has only increased customer rates one time during that time period for a total of approximately 5%. Will work with the Finance Committee chairman to review figures and schedule a Finance Committee meeting.
- Hawke Road FPA change request – distributed 4/3/15 NOACA memo. NOACA has asked LORCO, Lorain County and Columbia Township for additional information with a deadline of May 30, 2015 to submit the information to NOACA.
- Discussed Carrington Pointe subdivision and some study areas recently looked at by KS Associates for LORCO for possibilities of sanitary sewer expansion. Due to costs obtained from the KS Associates study, LORCO looked into possible alternatives for wastewater collection. It appears as though individual, onsite grinder pump units and a low pressure, small diameter force main may result in more affordable expansion projects. We will be working with a consultant to gather additional information.
- Discussed monthly reports from Avon Lake Regional Water.
- Discussed current Cash Flow and Deferral Statement.

**Other Business:**

None.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Kurpely and seconded by Donges to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and meet again on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer