

Board of Municipal Utilities
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held in-person using web-based video conferencing technology.

Present: Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Mondello, Mr. Rickey, Mr. Rush, and Mrs. Schnabel.

Also present: CUE Munro, CUO Yuronich, Attorney Anthony Coyne of Mansour-Gavin, Jeff Duke of Raftelis, Jeff Armbruster and Karen Perkins of Lorain County, Lou McMahon and Meghan Goedeker of McMahon-DeGulis, Gene Toy of LORCO and ALPD Officer Reiber.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Dzwonczyk presented the Minutes of the July 1, 2025 regular meeting. With no additional changes, additions or corrections noted, Mr. Rush ordered that the minutes stand and be distributed as presented.

Public Speakers

None.

Correspondence

None.

Expenditures

Following review of expenses for funds and amounts as follows, Mr. Rickey moved, Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to approve the expenditures of June 27 through August 14, 2025:

Water Fund 701	\$	689,763.05
Distribution Fund 723	\$	468,325.17
Wastewater Fund 721	\$	432,785.60
Collection Fund 722	\$	296,967.91
ETL1 Fund 703	\$	449,593.05
ETL2 Fund 762	\$	1,252,202.83
LORCO Fund 749	\$	49,261.68
Water Construction Fund 704	\$	2,038,364.10

Ayes (per voice vote): Dzwonczyk, Mondello, Rickey, Rush, and Schnabel

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Step Increases

As an information item to the Board Mr. Yuronich stated that during the summer recess, Customer Service Rep, Ms. Tesa Lutz, had reached her one-year anniversary. Mr. Yuronich stated that per the collective bargaining agreement she was due a step increase and moved to Customer Service Rep – Step 3 and will earn \$27.21/hour. Mr. Yuronich added that this increase took effect July 22, 2025. Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that Laborer Tyler McAreavey had been promoted to Line Maintenance Technician – Step 1 and will earn \$26.42/hour and that his increase took effect July 22, 2025 as well.

Project Updates

Power Plant Update: Mr. Yuronich stated that ALERG continues to clean up and organize debris from the demolition. Mr. Yuronich added that he will be meeting with the ALERG's Project Manager, Mr. Wayne Woodruff, prior to the next meeting.

WFP Improvements: Mr. Yuronich displayed a photo of the new chemical feed building and stated that it was taken early in July and another picture showed the progress that had been made while the Board was on recess. Mr. Yuronich stated that the concrete block was nearly complete and that the masons were over halfway done with placing the brick on the exterior of the structure. Mr. Yuronich referenced a photo showing the progress made in preparing the site for the placement of the fluoride feed building and stated that it will be very similar to the orthophosphate feed building that was added in 2017 during the last construction project at the Water Filtration Plant. Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that the two new northern filters have had most of the concrete formed and poured and that The Great Lakes Construction Company is currently forming and pouring the remaining walls for the two southern filters. Mr. Yuronich then gave a brief overview of how water will enter and pass through the filters, pointed out various piping such as the drain lines and backwash water lines and explained the wash process. Mr. Rickey inquired if there were any upcoming outages of the WFP to connect process piping. Mr. Yuronich explained that the most significant outage had already been completed and that future outages did not involve shutting the entire WFP down as there are valves in place that will allow only a small portion of the filter to be isolated to connect the new process piping. Mr. Rickey also inquired what kind of flows the WFP has seen during the hot, dry weather. Mr. Yuronich stated that daily totals have been in the high twenty to low thirty-million-gallon range. Mr. Munro added that there have been peak flows in the mid to upper thirty-million gallon per day range.

Techwin Project: Mr. Yuronich stated that Techwin has three representatives on-site this week and have been going through their final checklist. Mr. Yuronich stated that by the end of the week, the system should be producing product and the training of staff on operation and maintenance will begin. Mr. Yuronich referenced several pictures showing the equipment touchscreen controls, process piping and conduit that had been installed connecting the generating station to the bulk chemical tanks and electrical equipment. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired about the approval process to use the generated sodium hypochlorite in our treatment plant. Mr. Yuronich stated that the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) has a set of standards, NSF 60, that all chemicals used in the production of drinking water in the United States must be certified to. Mr. Yuronich added that this involves third-party laboratories that analyze the product along with an audit of the standard operating procedures and equipment by NSF staff. Mr. Yuronich stated that the process typically takes sixty to ninety days and that he has already received the testing schedule and instructions and that the sample bottles are being shipped to ALRW. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired what will be done with chemical that is produced prior to certification and Mr. Yuronich stated that it will be disposed of into the headworks of the Water

Reclamation Facility. Mr. Rickey inquired who was going to receive the training on operation and maintenance of this equipment and Mr. Yuronich stated it would be the WFP Manager, Senior Operator and Maintenance staff.

CUE/CUO Report

Mr. Munro stated Intern Stella Davisson, an Environmental Engineering student at the University of Toledo, will be returning during her fall semester to do another co-op with ALRW. Mr. Munro stated that students are required to do three co-ops but that two of them can be at the same location. Mr. Munro added that she will continue working during the 2025 fall semester at a rate of \$19.00/hour.

Mr. Munro informed the Board that Cleveland hosted the One Water State Conference for water and wastewater professionals the week of August 11, 2025 and that it was well attended with over twenty-three hundred people. Mr. Munro stated that several ALRW staff members attended and that Mr. Yuronich and Mr. Gibboney presented at the conference with Stantec Engineer Isabelle Hammer on the ALRW Master Plan that Stantec completed. Mr. Munro added that they represented the organization well.

Mr. Munro stated that the 2025 Water Bundle Project will be commencing after Labor Day and that ALRW staff hosted a kick-off meeting with all interested parties including Underground Utilities Inc, the City of Avon Lake, Public Works, Avon Lake's consulting engineer Chris Howard, ALPD, ALFD and the Avon Lake City Schools Bus Coordinator. Mr. Munro stated that it is expected to take approximately one year to complete the work and that ALRW will continually update and inform the general public and residents that will be most affected by the work and that residents in the Dellwood, Inwood and Bellaire will be the first area where waterline replacement will take place. Mr. Munro added that the signs on Walker Rd. alerting to closure of the eastbound lane is the Walker Rd. Phase 5 repaving project being performed by the City of Avon Lake and is not part of the water bundle.

Mr. Munro stated that his final update was the award of a grant for sixty-seven million dollars to be used for water and sewer infrastructure for economic development in Lorain County. Mr. Munro stated that the grant was awarded by the All Ohio Future Fund and that ALRW will be partnering with the Rural Lorain County Water Authority on the water portion of the planning and Lorain County will take the lead on the sewer portion of the project. Mr. Munro added that he will be meeting with partners on this project next week to discuss the next steps and start the planning process.

Miscellaneous & Member Reports

Mr. Dzwonczyk stated that he attended a meeting with Mr. Munro and Sixmo Architecture to work on finalizing plans for the expansion of the administration building and that a final design is nearing completion.

Public Speakers

None.

Executive Session

The CUE requested to meet in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, sale, and/or lease of property for public purposes. The CUE does not anticipate any formal action upon reconvening the public meeting.

Mr. Rush moved, Mr. Rickey seconded, to meet in executive session as allowed by ORC §121.22 (G)(2) to discuss the purchase, sale and/or lease of property for public purposes and to include the CUE, the CUO, representatives from Lorain County, LORCO, Raftelis, McMahon DeGulis and Attorney Anthony Coyne of Mansour Gavin.

Ayes (per roll-call vote): Dzwonczyk, Mondello, Rickey, Rush, and Schnabel
Nays: None
Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:03 PM

The public meeting was reconvened at 8:33 PM.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Mr. Rush moved, and Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to adjourn.

Ayes (per voice vote): Dzwonczyk, Mondello, Rickey, Rush, and Schnabel
Nays: None
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Approved September 2, 2025.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk