Board of Municipal Utilities
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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, Business & Financial Coordinator Logan, Attorney Tyler Berry of Mansour-Gavin, Avon Lake residents Gerald Phillips and William Zimmerman.

Approve Minutes

Mr. Dzwonczyk presented the Minutes of the September 16, 2025 regular meeting. Mr. Rush informed the Board that there was one error in the minutes as it was Mr. Dzwonczyk that ordered the minutes stand and be distributed as presented and not himself. With no additional changes, additions or corrections noted, Mr. Dzwonczyk ordered that the minutes stand and be distributed as edited.

Public Speakers

Avon Lake resident William Zimmerman informed the Board again that he still does not agree with ALRW's intent to enter into a partnership with Lorain County and LORCO to form CLERWTR.

Avon Lake resident Gerald Phillips reiterated his opposition to ALRW entering into a partnership with CLERWTR.

Correspondence

Mr. Munro informed the Board had received a proclamation from State Senator Nathan Manning that ALRW was being recognized for receiving the Ohio Water Conservation Excellence Award from the Ohio Department of Natural Resouces. Mr. Munro read the letter as follows - "So with genuine satisfaction, the Ohio Senate salutes Avon Lake Regional Water on its recent accolade and offers continued success in the future." Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired if it was also signed by Senator McCauley. Mr. Munro stated that yes, it was also Senator Robert McCauley who'd president of the Ohio Senate.

Expenditures

Following review of expenses for funds and amounts as follows, Mr. Rickey moved, Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to approve the expenditures of October 3 through October 16, 2025:

Water Fund 701	$	165,905.66
Distribution Fund 723	$	172,554.35
Wastewater Fund 721	$	124,079.06
Collection Fund 722	$	83,255.20
ETL1 Fund 703	$	239,467.74

ETL2 Fund 762	$	645,530.95
LORCO Fund 749	$	2,794.32
Water Construction Fund 704	$	2,641,741.30

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

Project Updates

Power Plant Update: Mr. Yuronich stated that he had spoken with Mr. Wayne Woodruff, Project Manager from Charah, and was informed that subcontractor Trifecta would be completed with their portion of the contract and be off-site by the end of October 2025. Mr. Yuronich also stated that he was informed that Charah would begin demobilizing and be off-site by Thanksgiving 2025. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired who was responsible for site security once Charah is off-site and Mr. Yuronich stated he would investigate that.

WFP Improvements: Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that resurfacing of the clearwells, flocculation and sedimentation basins was being completed and referenced before and after photos showing the progress. Mr. Yuronich added that they are finishing concrete repairs on the sedimentation basins and expect to complete repairs and application of new sealant before the winter weather sets in. Mr. Yuronich stated that the utilities have been run to where the new carbon silos will be placed and they have forms in place to pour the concrete pads to support these structures. Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that The Great Lakes Construction Company (GLC) was forming and preparing the upper level of the new filter building and expected to have it enclosed before winter. Mr. Rickey inquired how the work was progressing relative to the initial schedule. Mr. Yuronich responded that the project had a few minor delays initially due to underground conflicts that were discovered but expects the WFP improvements will be completed by the end of next summer with site restoration completed by the end of September 2026.

Techwin Project: Mr. Yuronich informed the Board that ALRW staff continue to monitor the hypochlorite that is being produced and is having it analyzed by third-party laboratories prior to applying for NSF certification. Mr. Yuronich stated that there has been some minor troubleshooting with various probes but the system had been consistent overall. Mr. Yuronich stated that WFP Manager Gibboney and his staff are taking daily readings to monitor production, utilities and consumables to be able to perform a cost analysis. Mr. Rickey inquired how the product was being stored. Mr. Munro stated that it was not being stored, it was being slowly fed into the Water Reclamation Facility for disposal. Mr. Dzwonczyk also inquired if it was included in the budget for chemical costs for 2026. Mr. Munro stated that it will be tracked in Fund 704 but that it will supplement the sodium hypochlorite purchased and will help determine if a facility large enough to supply all ALRW's hypochlorite needs in the future. Mr. Mondello inquired if all the analyses are falling within expected ranges. Mr. Yuronich stated that the laboratory used does not regularly test sodium hypochlorite and a second lab has been contacted to confirm the results as there was one analysis that was outside expected ranges. Mr. Dzwonczyk inquired how it has been working with Techwin as this pilot is also evaluating future partnerships with this company. Mr. Yuronich stated that even though there have been some challenges related to the time zone differences, national holidays and the language barrier but that Techwin staff has been very good to work with and very responsive. Mr. Rush inquired if ALRW has a supply of spare parts supplied by Techwin to ensure continuous operation. Mr. Munro stated that there are is a supply of "wear-items" and consumables that were supplied by Techwin. Mr. Munro also stated that if Techwin were to enter the U.S. market

with their product, ALRW would encourage them to standardize the equipment to brands that were readily available in this market.

2025 Water Bundle Project: Mr. Yuronich stated that Underground Utilities, Inc. had completed the restoration of the areas affected by water line installation on Inwood Blvd. Mr. Yuronich stated UUI is switching services to the new water main on Dellwood. Mr. Yuronich stated that water main installation and storm sewer work has begun on Bellair, Northpoint and Rosewood Dr. Mr. Yuronich also stated that subcontractor KMU continues moving inside water meters outside of homes into vaults to be consistent with ALRW current standards.

CUE Report

None.

Miscellaneous & Member Reports

Mr. Rickey informed the Board that he attended the LORCO meeting and stated that he did not witness any opposition to the formation of CLERWTR, only that LORCO wished to retain representation on the governing board of the new entity.

Public Speakers

Avon Lake resident Gerald Phillips reiterated he does not support the formation of CLERWTR.

Avon Lake resident William Zimmerman stated that he did not approve of the way the City of Avon Lake handled the approval of the storm water permitting process at the former power plant property.

Executive Session

The CUE requests to meet Executive Session as allowed by O.R.C. §121.22 (G)(2), (G)(4) and (G)(6) to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, to review negotiations with bargaining unit and employees concerning their compensation and to discuss cybersecurity protocols and policies. The CUE does not anticipate any formal action by the Board upon reconvening the public meeting.

Mr. Rush moved, Mrs. Schnabel seconded, to meet in executive session as allowed by ORC §121.22 (G)(1), (G)(2) and (G)(6) to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, to review negotiations with bargaining unit employees concerning their compensation and to discuss cybersecurity protocols and policies and to include the CUE, the CUO, Business & Financial Coordinator and Attorney Tyler Berry of Mansour Gavin.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:11 PM

The Board reconvened the public meeting at 8:36 PM

Adjourn

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Approved October 21, 2025.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Robert Munro, Clerk