



**Regular Meeting with Work Session  
April 26, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The Board met remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bob Becker, Board Chairperson.

**Roll Call:** Cindy Lombardo, Maureen McGinty, Bob Becker, Anita Gantner, Sandy Apidone, Jeff Deluca, and Art Gonzales

**Also in Attendance:** Park Director David Green, Administrative Coordinator Mindy Remec and approximately 24 attendees.

**Work Session**

**Strategic Planning:**

Mr. Green informed attendees that he would be starting the strategic planning process. He spoke about the probable need of forming a task force and the potential need to hire a facilitator to guide the RJRD. Mr. Green reported that the River Trails and Conservation Assistance Program grant funds could be used for costs associated with strategic planning. He said everyone's involvement would be needed.

**Public Comment on Work Session:**

Ms. Ringle provided a name of someone who may offer assistance.

**Regular Meeting**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION by:** Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Ms. Lombardo to approve the March 22, 2021 and April 16 Meeting Minutes as presented.

**MOTION PASSED:** Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Deluca abstaining from the April 16, 2021 minutes

**Standing and Special Committee Reports:**

**Governance:** No report

**Capital Projects:**

Mr. Gonzales reported that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant was not awarded to RJRD. He is trying to move the start date up to begin dam work.

**Fundraising / Advocacy:**

Mr. Gonzales provided an update on the Fundraising/Advocacy Committee meeting. Ms. McGinty asked about the list of seven areas the committee and grant writers would focus on for fundraising which Mr. Gonzales provided.

**MOTION by:** Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Ms. Gantner to approve the April 6, 2021 Fundraising / Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

**MOTION PASSED:** Vote taken by roll call: Ms. Lombardo (Abstain), Mr. Gonzales (Yea), Ms. Gantner (Yea)

**Administration Report:**

Ms. Remec reported on donations received and a reservation refund made due to COVID. She spoke about the potential extension of online meetings and plans to change signing authority for checks and changes to credit cards.

**Park Director Report:**

Mr. Green recognized Volunteer Coordinator Ms. Czaplicki, who thanked all volunteers including volunteer RJRD board members for all of their hard work in celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Month in April. Mr. Green also expressed his appreciation of the volunteers and reported on recent accomplishments.

Mr. Green reported on behalf of the Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) and spoke about their work including the Historic Home Stabilization Task Force, Invasive Species Management Team, and the trash and latrine cleaning group.

Mr. Green said he was exploring potential savings in the June 2021 property insurance renewal and also researching ways to market The Lodge and have the occupancy reevaluated and increased.

Mr. Green spoke about progress on a donation made to FoCH that was intended for work on the Boat House. Ms. McGinty asked about structural integrity and plans for use of the Boat House. Mr. Green commented on making sure donated money would not be wasted. He provided a park operations update to attendees including repairs, quotes received, and plans to hire a seasonal part-time maintenance employee. He met with the Ohio Horseman's Council and commented on upcoming trail work.

An attendee commented on the structural integrity of the Boat House.

**Treasurer Report:**

Ms. McGinty reported accounts are in good shape and thanked Mr. Green for keeping spending down.

**New Business:**

Mr. Becker appointed Ms. Gantner as chairperson of the Governance Committee.

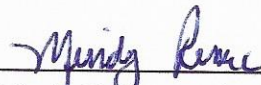
**Announcements:**

Ms. Gantner announced Mr. Becker is resigning from the RJRD Board and thanked him for his extensive work since his appointment in 2015. Trustees thanked him for his numerous contributions to the Richfield community and wished him well.

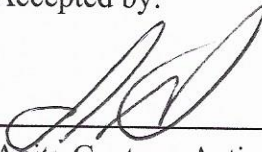
**Adjournment:**

**MOTION by:** Ms. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. McGinty to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
**MOTION PASSED:** Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Submitted by:

  
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Mindy Rehnc, Administrative  
Coordinator

Accepted by:

  
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Anita Gantner, Acting Board  
Chairperson