



**Regular Meeting with Work Session
May 24, 2021**

Call to Order: The Board met remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Anita Gantner, Board Vice-Chairperson.

Roll Call: Cindy Lombardo, Maureen McGinty, Anita Gantner, Sandy Apidone, Jeff Deluca, and Art Gonzales, Mark Robeson

Also in Attendance: Park Director David Green, Administrative Coordinator Mindy Remeck and approximately 21 attendees.

Installation of Trustees:

Mr. Richard Hudak administered the oath of office to Mr. Mark Robeson.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Gonzales nominated Ms. Gantner for chairperson and she was elected unanimously by roll call vote. For vice chairperson Ms. Gantner nominated Mr. Robeson, Mr. Deluca nominated himself, and Ms. Lombardo nominated Mr. Gonzales, who declined the nomination. Mr. Robeson was elected with a majority of four votes by roll call vote.

Work Session

Camping Policy:

Mr. Green reported that RJRD is not authorized to allow overnight camping unless they become a licensed campground. Summit County Health Department has confirmed this information. Individual groups can obtain a temporary permit on their own for \$100. Current camping reservations can be honored but no new reservations can be taken. Mr. Green outlined the requirements and potential costs for obtaining a license.

Comments and questions by trustees included questions on the dollar value of volunteer hours that Scout groups provide, and the revenue received from Midwest Native Skills Institute for camping in support of obtaining the license. Additional questions and discussion included what the benefit is to the community, what the costs are for RJRD each camping group, the potential for grants to cover some of the licensing costs, and what other campgrounds charge.

Mr. Green and Mr. Deluca agreed to provide additional information to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Oviatt House Term Sheet:

Ms. Gantner reported on the progress made toward an agreement for Oviatt House. A document should be ready to review at the June regular meeting.

The Lodge Rental Rates:

Ms. Gantner reported on the concern for lack of reservation for The Lodge and the proposed lowering rates to generate interest. Discussion included the lack of marketing and promotion and comments that the current rates are in line with comparable venues, placing a banner on the park property, running a special rate for weekdays to get word out, and adding a cleaning fee. Dates to hold open houses for The Lodge are being set. Other comments included the need for a marketing plan with the business model and the need to clean the kitchen out for a catering staging area. Mr. Green reported that new rates will be posted for weekdays and half-day rentals.

Amendment to Gannett Fleming Agreement:

Ms. Gantner introduced Mr. Chris Hallahan from Gannett Fleming who provided information on the work to be done on the dam and the amendment to approve payment to Gannett Fleming for administration of the project as required by Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The amendment is to formalize and approve the original proposal. No changes in price have been made since the bid was approved. Additional discussion and comments included setting the work schedule and promoting the work being accomplished.

Public Comment on Work Session:

Ms. Ringle asked if the Friend's primitive potluck campout was still permitted and Mr. Green said yes. Mr Rustic requested information on the fees for Gannett Fleming and controls on the contractor's schedule.

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Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by: Ms. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Deluca to approve the April 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Robeson who abstained

Standing and Special Committee Reports:

Governance: No report

Capital Projects: No report

Fundraising / Advocacy:

Mr. Gonzales reported some small grants were discovered as potential project funding sources.

Administration Report:

Ms. Remec reported on routine office work.

Park Director Report:

Mr. Green provided a written report to the Board. He requested a motion to approve hiring Mr. Christopher Moore for the seasonal maintenance position.

MOTION by: Ms. McGinty and seconded by Ms. Apidone to hire Mr. Christopher Moore as Seasonal Park Maintenance Technician per the board approved job description at \$19.00 per hour to start on June 1, 2021

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Mr Green requested a work session to begin the strategic planning process. He will send an email to the Board to confirm availability. He reported that he and Mr. Gonzales are working to complete the forms to receive the awarded State Capital Budget Allocation for the dam project. Mr. Green said that he is trying to reduce mowing in some areas of the park. Kayaking and canoeing will be allowed starting June 1, 2021. Signs will be installed to direct watercraft loading areas.

Mr Green summarized the Volunteer Coordinator report from Ms. Czaplicki who submitted volunteer hour totals and work completed throughout the park.

Mr. Green reported on behalf of the Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) and spoke about their work including hours spent cleaning latrines, programs in the park, and fundraising efforts. FoCH has requested a motion to move forward with work on the water wheel.

MOTION by: Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Deluca to approve Friends of Crowell Hilaka, under their MOU, continue replacement work of the water wheel

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Treasurer Report:

Ms. McGinty reported that RJRD is on track for spending.

New Business:

Ms. Ganter introduced Resolution 04-2021. Ms. McGinty said this is to solicit banks to become the depository for RJRD which happens every five years.

MOTION by: Ms. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. McGinty to approve Resolution 04-2021 to Estimate the Amount of Active Monies and Interim Deposits, to Invite Applications for Depositories, and to Fix a Date to Designate Depositories for Active and Interim Deposits

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Ms. Ganter introduced Resolution 05-2021.

MOTION by: Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Deluca to approve Resolution 05-2021 Amendment NO. 4 Agreement for RJRD Phase 2 Dam Rehabilitation Construction Administration.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Questions / Comments from the Floor:

Ms. Ringle thanked the Board for approving FoCH's efforts to restore Kirby's Mill. Mr. Norris spoke about Resolution 04-2021 and the need for an additional resolution next month.

MOTION by: Mr. Deluca and seconded by Mr. Gonzales to enter executive session for discussion of certain personnel matters to consider the employment of a public employee per ORC 121.22 (g)(1) at 9:04 p.m.

MOTION Passed, Vote taken by roll call: Mr. Deluca (Yes), Ms. Gantner (Yea), Ms. McGinty (Yes), Mr. Robeson (Yea), Mr. Gonzales (Yea), Ms. Apidone (Yes), Ms. Lombardo (abstain)

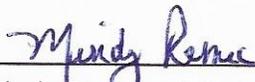
Trustees exited executive session at 10:07 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Deluca to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Submitted by:



Mindy Remec, Administrative
Coordinator

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Acting Board
Chairperson