



# Governance

## **Governance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

*(Meeting Held at the Village of Richfield Town Hall,  
Finance Department Conference Room)*

**Called to Order:** Mr. Cugini began the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Members of the Committee Present: Trustees Cugini, Taylor and Norris.

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. Bill Hanna, Legal Counsel, Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator

**Business:**

**Fourth Committee Discussion: RJRD Agreement with the Ohio Operating Engineers [Status of Upcoming Meeting]**

Mr. Norris provided update that there has been no action due to the receipt of the agreement under review the week of November 21, 2016 and the trustee's work schedule. Norris stated that the meeting will be scheduled for March/April, 2017 timeframe and Taylor stated that since this is down time, the meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible to ensure OOETP assistance. Norris stated that OOETP did not remove snow but it was performed on a volunteer basis.

**Second Committee Discussion: RJRD Conflict Policy**

The policy was briefly discussed and no changes were offered.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Cugini and seconded by Mr. Taylor to recommend third discussion and adoption at the regular board meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ROLE CALL VOTE:** Mr. Cugini (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

**First Committee Discussion: RJRD Special Revenue Committee:**

Mr. Norris read the briefing memo presented at the last regular board meeting and pros and cons to the proposal were discussed. The committee discussed how the committee would be managed based on RJRD committee structure; i.e. advisors or sub-committee within the committee. Norris advocated the issuance of additional bonds that would be offset by revenue. Cugini and Taylor were opposed. Details to the proposal would be provided by Norris at the next Governance meeting to address structure, guidelines, expectations and deliverables.

**First Committee Discussion: RJRD Mission Statement:**

Mr. Cugini stated that the bylaws verbiage and the website verbiage was brought to his attention that it was causing confusion for the public. After a committee discussion, it was determined that the website was for marketing.

**Organizational Resolution and Meeting Schedule:**

Bluso Rogers stated that the organizational resolution was being prepare and it would include the established schedule of meetings.

**FOCH Board Discussion:**

Members of FOCH [Corey Ringle and Lynn Richardson] and their Legal Counsel [Bill Smith] stated their confusion of the letter they received regarding their solicitation of a petition. FOCH Legal Counsel stated that this was an infringement of FOCH's First Amendment Right and RJRD Legal Counsel [Bill Hanna] explained the appropriateness of the rule and the enforcement. A copy of the letter was provided and it was noted that it did not refer petitions. There was confusion about the actual brochure; i.e. petition or FOCH brochure. Norris provided a copy of the FOCH brochure that was being provided to the public stating the professionalism of their brochure compared to RJRD's. FOCH explained that their organization had the same mission as the Richfield Historical Society and their presence at Richfield Heritage Preserve was to be "goodwill ambassadors" and assist people who were lost. Cugini stated that the brochure was their marketing tool and members from both non-profits are members of both non-profits making it difficult to identify responsible parties; hence the continued confusion. It was important for FOCH and Norris to know the identity of the complainant stating that someone remaining anonymous was not enough credible evidence to write the letter. The Administrator stated that one was visitor hiking and the other was a Dominion Gas employee. Continued discussion with FOCH will occur to resolve issues and misunderstandings.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Cugini and seconded by Mr. Norris to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment and employment of a public employee per ORC 121.22(g) at 6:25 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ROLE CALL VOTE:** Mr. Cugini (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

**Also in Attendance in the Executive Session: Mr. Bill Hanna and Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers.**

**The public was informed that there would be no action taken after the Executive Session.**

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator to RJRD Board

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Richfield Joint Recreation District, GOVERNANCE Chairperson