

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2015

Offered by the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

PROCLAMATION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO TRUSTEE FLOYD OSTROWSKI, RJRD FIRST CHAIRPERSON

Be it resolved by the Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township believed that the formation of a joint recreation district pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §755.14 would be in the best interest of their residents and that such a district would be an effective means of

- (a) providing community programming in recreation, educational, social, cultural and athletic areas, and
- (b) acquiring property for, constructing, operating and maintaining parks, playgrounds, and play fields and to preserve and protect real property with valuable natural features as parks and spaces for governmental, civic, educational or recreational activities for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield on June 3, 2014 passed Resolution 45-2014 and Richfield Township on June 5, 2014 passed Resolution 07-2014, together creating the Richfield Joint Recreation District, the boundaries of which District are the boundaries of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the creating legislation, the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township each appointed three (3) members of the Board of Trustees for the Richfield Joint Recreation District, and the six (6) appointed Trustees selected a seventh Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Richfield Township resident, **Floyd Ostrowski enthusiastically offered to serve** on behalf of the Richfield Residents in this historic event for these two communities; and

WHEREAS, Richfield Township appointed **Floyd Ostrowski to a term beginning 2014 and ending December 31, 2015;** and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees **unanimously elected Floyd Ostrowski as RJRD Board Chairperson in 2014 and 2015;** and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District submitted the question of the issuance of recreational facilities improvement bond in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,100,000.00 to the electors of the RJRD at the November 4, 2014 election and in this effort **Floyd Ostrowski earnestly and wholeheartedly endorsed and then guided the Board and the Community Supporters to host a unique fund raising and awareness event, A Honey Tasting;** and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District submitted the question of an additional 0.50-mill tax levy for operations for park and recreation purposes to the electors of the RJRD at the November 4, 2014 election and in this effort **Floyd Ostrowski earnestly and wholeheartedly endorsed and then guided the Board and the Community Supporters to host a unique fund raising and awareness event, A Honey Tasting;** and

WHEREAS, the electors of the RJRD on November 4, 2014 approved both the bond issue and the tax levy; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2014 the Richfield Joint Recreation District entered into an agreement to purchase approximately 335 acres of land, specifically the former Girl Scout camp property known as the Crowell-Hilaka property, from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for use as a public park and recreation area **under the wisdom and fair mindedness of Floyd Ostrowski**; and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District was awarded a Clean Ohio Grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$1,089,230.00 on or about April 29, 2015 **through the collaborative effort between the RJRD Board and the WRLC**; and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy successfully fulfilled the purchase and sale agreement and transferred the property to Richfield Joint Recreation District on June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District **under the wisdom, encouragement and guidance of Floyd Ostrowski** to engage the services of Environmental Design Group to develop a Master Plan in 2016 and in that work set the tone for the board with the African Proverb, *“If you want to go fast, go alone ...if you want to go far, go together;* and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District Chairperson unequivocally communicated RJRD’s core mission: preservation, conservation, recreation and education; and

WHEREAS, the Richfield Joint Recreation District Chairperson, directed and quietly left a “trail” that would provide the vision in the years to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Richfield Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees

**RALPH MCNERNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON, PAT NORRIS, TREASURER
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Enthusiastically express their sincere appreciation for the vision, support, commitment and dedication of

FLOYD OSTROWSKI



11/23, 2015
Date Passed

Ralph B. McNerney
Ralph McNerney, Vice Chairperson, Richfield
Joint Recreation District

ATTEST:

Debbie Bluso Rogers
Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator, Richfield
Joint Recreation District

William Taylor
William Taylor, Secretary, Richfield Joint
Recreation District