

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2014

*(Meeting Held at the Village of Richfield Town Hall,
Village Council Chambers)*

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 5:33 p.m. by the Board's Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski and Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Ms. Kelly Clark
Mr. Bob Lucas *(Not Present)*
Mr. Ralph McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Ms. Donna Skoda
Mr. Bill Taylor

Also in attendance:

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel *(Not Present)*

Mayor Bobbie Beshara
Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson
Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson

Mr. Joe Leslie, Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Business:

1. Executive Session:

Immediately following roll call a motion was entertained for an Executive Session by Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. McNerney to go into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property per ORC Section 121.22(g).

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Not Present), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Also in attendance at the Executive Session were: Mayor Bobbie Beshara, Mr. Mike Lyons, Mr. Roger Swan, Mr. Leslie and Mr. Chittock. **At 6:01 p.m. the Record of Proceedings reflects** that Mr. Joe Leslie, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, left the Executive Session.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Norris to go out of Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Not Present), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Reconvening for business, the following action was taken.

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to proceed generally in accordance with the letter of commitment from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy dated October 29, 2014, regarding the purchase and sale of 336 acres commonly known as Crowell-Hilaka, as is, in the amount of \$4.4 million dollars subject to the following caveats and conditions: (a) passage of both Issue 10 & 11 (Bond Levy and Operating Levy on the November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot), (b) final negotiation of a purchase and sale agreement acceptable to the RJRD and to the WRLC and (c) assistance from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy with preparing an application for Clean Ohio Grant monies.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Not Present), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Directing his statement to those all in attendance, Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski stated "we have just witnessed a historic moment for Richfield."

[Applause from those in attendance]

Mr. Ostrowski then added that the Board's work could not have been possible without the efforts of:

- Mayor Bobbie Beshara and Mr. Mike Lyons whose mentorship and support were appreciated and invaluable.
- Friends of Crowell-Hilaka whose volunteerism, organization, support and hard work ensured every Open House a success. Their ground game was awesome and their communication network significantly supported the efforts of the Board's Communication and Volunteer Committees.
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy whose guidance, support, expertise and wise counsel were invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Lastly, Mr. Ostrowski recognized the RJRD Board of Trustees for their collective efforts to getting to this moment in four (4) months; a monumental achievement for a government body.

Two new committees were formed to handle the acquisition of property. Facilities Chairperson Mr. Bob Lucas will lead this committee on the finalization of the purchase agreement and members of that committee are Mr. Norris and Mr. Lyons.

Volunteer Chairperson Ms. Skoda will chair the Clean Ohio Grant committee and will work closely with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Members of that committee will be determined.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Monday, October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

Dispensing with the formal reading of the minutes the Board took action.

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Not Present), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

3. Committee Reports:

a. Communications Committee, Chairperson Ms. Clark

There was no report but Committee Chairperson Ms. Clark stated that the Board expresses their sympathies to their Legal Counsel, Mr. William Hanna, due to the passing of his mother.

The Board thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters for the Election Forum. The Board thanked and expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Mike Lyons, Mrs. Sandy Apidone and Mrs. Abby Gretter for their participation in the event.

Ms. Clark clarified that Issue # 10 is a 28 year bond levy and Issue # 11 is a 10 year operating levy. The RJRD website has been very active in the days leading up to the election with an average of 48 “hits” per day. Ms. Clark clarified that the social media portion of the website does not permit public comments and that was part of the original website design.

There will be a Communication meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:30 in the Village of Richfield’s Caucus Room. Members of the public are invited.

b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda

No report. Committee Chairperson Ms. Skoda stated that a meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 immediately following the Communication meeting.

c. Facilities and Programming Committee, Chairperson, Mr. Lucas

No report

d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris

No Report.

4. New Business:

None

5. Unfinished Business:

None

6. Comments from the Floor

The Chair recognized Mr. Pat Tuttle a resident on Hawthorne Drive.

Mr. Tuttle requested an explanation from the Board regarding the development of the levy amounts and the timeframe for resident’s use of the property. The Board shared their analysis and comparable cost structures to similar properties and stated that a number of Public Hearings will be held to determine the needs of the residents and to comment on a possible fee structure for any programming and activities was premature at this time.

The Chair recognized Ms. Renee Schoover a resident on Hawthorne Drive.

Ms. Schoover requested the Board's position on bridle paths and other horse activities. The Board responded that their position is to expand the bridle paths to five miles.

7. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, November 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

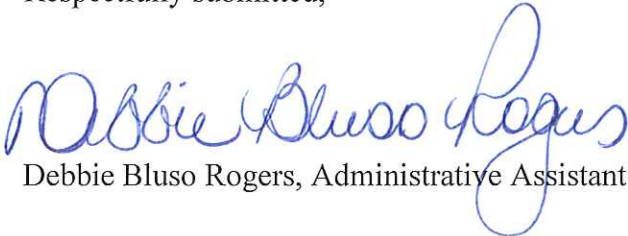
Mrs. Bluso Rogers stated that there will be a follow-up discussion regarding future meetings schedule. The Board of Trustees noted for the record that an Executive Session was not anticipated. Mrs. Bluso Rogers will include on the agenda the two new committees.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. McNerney to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Not Present), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary