

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2014

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

### **Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 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  
Mr. Ralph McNeerney  
Mr. Pat Norris  
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski  
Ms. Donna Skoda  
Mr. Bill Taylor

### **Also in attendance:**

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel

Mayor Bobbie Beshara (*Not Present*)  
Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson  
Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson (*Not Present*)

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

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

**Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Monday, November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

**MOTION** made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Abstain), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

**2. Committee Reports:**

**a. Communications Committee, Chairperson Ms. Clark**

The Communications Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting and consequently there was no formal report. A productive brainstorming session was held for those in attendance **but** no formal actions were taken. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 in the Village Caucus Room.

A reminder announcement was made for all in attendance for the "Thank You Open House" which will be held on Friday, November 29, 2014 from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Crowell-Hilaka to all residents for their support of the levies.

**b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda**

The Volunteer Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting and consequently there was no formal report.

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

It was reported that there were no formal meetings and no formal reports since the meetings were held in Executive Session.

- Property Acquisition Sub Committee, Chairperson Mr. Lucas, Members Mr. Pat Norris and Mr. Mike Lyons.

It was reported that there have been several meetings and progress is being made. It was added that these meetings were in Executive Session as per the ORC 121.22(g). An Executive Session is on the agenda for the full board to discuss information obtained from the committee meetings.

- Clean Ohio Grant Sub Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Donna Skoda  
WRL presented an amended property "carve out" map as discussed and approved through motion on November 17, 2014. Grant details

pertaining to ORC section 121.22 (g) will be discussed in Executive Session.

The Chair recognized Mr. Chittock. Mr. Chittock clarified the modifications to the map's "red zones" stating that the connector piece was removed after analysis by the WRL stewardship staff. The Coach House is excluded from the grant areas but the Chagrin building is included.

The Record of Proceedings reflects that the map from WRL dated November 20, 2014 is part of the Clean Ohio Grant Application and part of the November 24, 2014 minutes. The map is the last page of the minutes.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Norris to accept the amended map from Western Reserve Land Conservancy dated November 20, 2014 that depicts the removal of the connector piece of property between the two zones and for its inclusion in the Clean Ohio Grant Application.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hanna clarified that the Board is approving the map for the Clean Ohio Grant Application so the Board can take further action on Resolution 10, a resolution authorizing RJRD to submit a Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project, Resolution 11, a resolution authorizing the execution of the purchase and sale agreement and Resolution 12, a resolution for the certification of funds.

**MOTION PASSED:** Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Abstain), Mr. Norris (No), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)

**d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris**

There was no formal report. A briefing memo from the RJRD Fiscal Agent was read into the record.

*"The Fiscal Agent requests that Resolution #09-2014 authorizing the advancement of local taxes for the 2014 tax year payable in calendar year 2015 be approved. This is an annual request per Ohio Revised Code 321.34 and the passage of Issues #10 and #11 that entitles the RJRD to receive the advancement of the semi-annual settlement of local taxes from the Summit County Treasurer. The County Auditor may order the Treasurer to pay an amount not exceeding 25% of the district's share of the undivided property taxes less Auditor's and Treasurer's processing fee prior to the first day of April. The county will advance taxes for the tax year 2014 payable in 2015.*

*Basically the resolution being considered allows the District to receive money quicker from the County. The resolution will take effect and be in force from and immediately upon its adoption and the Secretary of RJRD will be authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of the Resolution to the County.*

*Resolution Number 09-2014 is offered by all of Board of Trustees,  
Richfield Joint Recreation District."*

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve **Resolution #09-2014, A Resolution Authorizing Advances of Local Taxes.**

**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. New Business:**

None

**4. Unfinished Business:**

Insurance coverage analysis will begin due to the passage of the operating levy by the Treasurer.

**5. Comments from the Floor**

None

**6. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.**

A presentation by Richfield Township's Zoning Inspector will be delayed.

A Work Session with the Village Parks & Recreation Board is still being arranged.

A number of resolutions will be on the agenda for the December 1, 2014. Their inclusion is dependent upon the work of the sub-committees. They are: Resolution #10-2014: Resolution Authorizing RJRD to Submit a Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project, Resolution #11-2014: Resolution to Authorize the Execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Resolution #12-2014: Resolution for the Certification of Funds.

An Executive Session will be scheduled for the end of the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, if necessary.

**7. Executive Session:**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Taylor to go into Executive Session at 7:05 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 (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

**Also in attendance at the Executive Session were:** Mr. Mike Lyons and Mr. William Hanna. Members of the WRL, Mr. Joe Leslie and Mr. Kendrick Chittock, were asked to remain in case needed. All others in attendance were told that no action will be taken after coming out of Executive Session.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to go out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

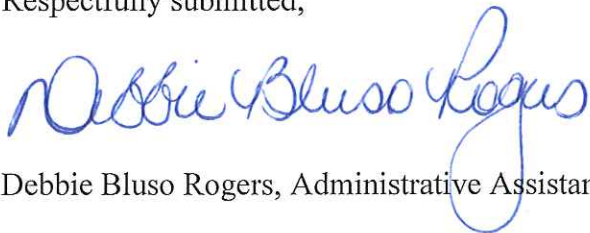
Reconvening for business, there was no action taken.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), 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