

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2014

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

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 5:37 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 McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Ms. Donna Skoda
Mr. Bill Taylor

Also in attendance:

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel

Mayor Bobbie Beshara
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 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

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

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to approve the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

2. Committee Reports:

a. Communications Committee, Chairperson Ms. Clark

Architects and representatives from the American Construction and Architects toured and evaluated the property and will be presenting their findings to the Board in the near future. The FOCH and the Communications Committee are reviewing criteria for the Ohio Preservation Grants and will report back.

b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda

No report.

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

There was no formal report.

- Property Acquisition Sub Committee, Chairperson Mr. Lucas, Members Mr. Pat Norris and Mr. Mike Lyons.
Further discussion regarding the PSA (Purchase and Sale Agreement) will be discussed in an Executive Session per the ORC.
- Clean Ohio Grant Sub Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Donna Skoda
Copies of the Resolutions of Support passed by the VOR and RTWP were distributed to the WRL for inclusion in the grant application. Grant narratives will be distributed to the board once available. The application deadline is Friday, December 5, 2014.

d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris

The December budget report was entered into the record with a balance to date of \$2190.13. An equipment list of items available for purchase was distributed and discussed.

There was a brief discussion regarding property maintenance costs. Mayor Beshara unequivocally stated that the Village Service Department would only be serving in a consulting capacity to provide maintenance cost projections that would serve discussion points going forward for the Board.

Communications Chairperson, Ms. Clark will request the Village Service Department and Township Park Administrator and Service Department to serve as consultants on the worthiness of the equipment list before purchasing. To that point, the Board was also very desirous for these groups to tour and evaluate the property and provide opinion regarding improvements and maintenance.

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the December 1, 2014 Budget Report as presented.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

3. New Business:

There was a correction of the resolution titles and numbers prior to their discussion due to the addition of separating the Clean Ohio Grant property from the overall Crowell-Hilaka property from the last regular meeting. The Resolution for the Certification of Funds will occur at a later meeting.

a. **Resolution #10-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Richfield Joint Recreation District to Submit a Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project Property:**

In partnership with WRL, the Board took formal action to apply for financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Program for the purchase and preservation of 125 acres of property. The map of these acres was entered into the record at the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.

MOTION made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Skoda to approve Resolution #10-2014 Authorizing the Richfield Joint Recreation District to Submit a Clean Ohio Grant Application for the Purchase and Protection of the Summit Headwaters Divide Project Property.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

b. **Resolution #11-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 125 Acres of Real Property:**

Resolution #11-2014 was tabled until after the Executive Session.

c. **Resolution #12-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 211 Acres of Real Property:**

Resolution #12-2014 was tabled until after the Executive Session.

4. Unfinished Business:

Follow-up with insurance will continue but will not be an agenda item.

5. Comments from the Floor

The Chair recognized Ms. Renee Schoonover.

Ms. Schoonover urged the Board to remain transparent and open with their communication.

Ms. Schoonover requested clarification regarding passive and active activities as it applied to horseback riding and trails. Mr. Chittock explained that horse trails can co-exist with appropriate connectivity from the passive area to active area. Barns, riding rinks and going off trail are prohibited in a passive area.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jeff Campbell.

Mr. Campbell stressed that the Board needs to be open and transparent. Ms. Campbell requested a timetable for title transfer of the property. Mr. Chittock stated that the Ohio Clean property could be transferred approximately March, 2015 and the remaining property August, 2015 stressing that these are only approximations. Mr. Campbell requested an outline of all the proposed activities and a date for the residents to use the park passively until all programs have been implemented.

A list of any proposed activities are not fully developed and there will be public meetings with the residents to garner more ideas.

WRL was thanked for arranging for the thank you open house on Saturday, November 29, 2014 and it was suggested that monthly open houses were scheduled for the public and residents until the property was opened permanently.

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

It is anticipated that a meeting with the Village Parks & Recreation Board will occur in January, 2015. The actual date and meeting time is to be determined. It is anticipated that the RJRD Board will have a work session prior to the regular meeting with the VOR Parks and Recreation Board in attendance at the work session.

Arrangements and contact information for guests and presenters at the RJRD meetings will notify Communications Committee Chairperson, Ms. Clark.

7. Executive Session:

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. McNerney to go into Executive Session at 7:00 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, Mr. Bill Hanna and Mayor Bobbie Beshara. Those in attendance, including WRL, were asked to remain since the Board planned on taking action coming out of Executive Session.

MOTION made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Clark to go out of Executive Session at 8:07 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)

Resuming the regular meeting actions were taken on Resolutions #11-2014 and #12-2014.

Resolution #11-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 125 Acres of Real Property:

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Norris to go approve Resolution #11-2014 Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 125 Acres of Real Property with the following amendment that deletes the words "removal of personal property" from the first 'whereas' paragraph."

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)

Resolution #12-2014 Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 211 Acres of Real Property:

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Clark to go approve Resolution #12-2014 Authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement to Purchase Approximately 211 Acres of Real Property with the following amendment that deletes the words "removal of personal property" from the first 'whereas' paragraph."

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)

Amendments to the resolutions were made through computer word software and re-printed prior to obtaining signatures.

The Chair recognized Facilities Chairperson, Mr. Lucas. Mr. Lucas made the following statement for the record.

"Throughout the last several months, the RJRD thoroughly and diligently investigated and analyzed various options for the Crowell-Hilaka property which included selling portions of the property. Alternative developmental plans and selling portions of the property is not in the best interest for the residents."

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

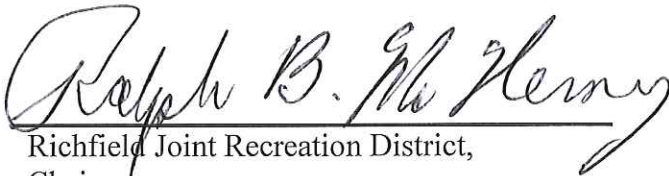
DISCUSSION: NONE

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



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary