



## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2015

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

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### Call to Order:

The Special Meeting was Called to Order at 6:15 p.m. by the Board's Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski and Mr. Ostrowski announced a five (5) minute recess.

The RJRD Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:21 p.m. and was Called to Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

#### **In Attendance:**

Ms. Kelly Clark  
Mr. Bob Lucas  
Mr. Ralph Mc Nerney  
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 *(Not Present)*  
Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy *(Not Present)*

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Bluso Rogers stated that the election of officers is to be held at a special meeting in January of each year per the RJRD Bylaws dated July 14, 2014, Article VI, Officers, Section 3: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

The floor was opened for nominations for the 2015 Chairperson. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Ostrowski and Mr. Ostrowski accepted. There were no other additional nominations and the nominations for Chairperson were closed. By a show of hands, seven in favor of Mr. Ostrowski, Mr. Ostrowski was elected as Chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominations for the 2015 Vice Chairperson. Mr. Ostrowski nominated Mr. McNerney and Mr. McNerney accepted. There were no other additional nominations and the nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed. By a show of hands, seven in favor of Mr. McNerney, Mr. McNerney was elected as Vice Chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominations for the 2015 Treasurer. Ms. Clark nominated Mr. Norris and Mr. Norris accepted. There were no other additional nominations and the nominations for Treasurer were closed. By a show of hands, seven in favor of Mr. Norris, Mr. Norris was elected as Treasurer.

The floor was opened for nominations for the 2015 Secretary. Ms. Skoda nominated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Taylor accepted. There were no other additional nominations and the nominations for Secretary were closed. By a show of hands, seven in favor of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor was elected as Secretary.

The RJRD bylaws did not address the appointment of a “clerk, administrator or administrative assistant. The Board took the following action on the matter.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Norris to appoint Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers as the RJRD Board’s Administrative Assistant for year 2015.

**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)**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**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)**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board's Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

**In Attendance:**

Ms. Kelly Clark  
Mr. Bob Lucas  
Mr. Ralph Mc Nerney  
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 *(Not Present)*  
Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy *(Not Present)*

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Lucia Hanigosky, FOCH  
Corey Ringel, FOCH  
Lynn Richardson, FOCH  
Jeff Campbell, FOCH  
Molly Eastwood, Summit OHC  
Cynthia McWilliams, Summit OHC  
Judy Soroczak, FOCH  
Danielle Soroczak, FOCH

**Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

**Monday, December 24, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Dispensing with the formal reading of the minutes, the following action was taken.

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the December 24, 2014 Special 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)**

**Saturday, December 29, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Dispensing with the formal reading of the minutes, the following action was taken.

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the December 29, 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**

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to approve the December 18, 2014 Communications Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Yea)**

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

No report. The next meeting is January 15, 2015.

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

There was no formal report or minutes because there was no committee report for Facilities and Programming and the Sub-Committee for Property Acquisition. All meetings have been held in executive session but plans are to reengage with WRL and public meetings will be scheduled.

- Clean Ohio Grant Sub Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Donna Skoda

No report.

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

There was no report.

**3. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Appreciative Inquiry Workshops**

There was continued discussion regarding the process for gathering input for uses of the property. One proposal was to conduct a "summit" led by Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Mr. Kendrick Chittock who would serve as Facilitator.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jeff Campbell who stated that other alternatives should be explored that is not as elaborate or costly. Discussion on the matter will continue and there was no action on the matter. The Board's consensus that the objective was "to do it right."

**4. New Business:**

On behalf of FOCH, Ms. Corey Ringle presented a proposal that redefined the FOCH group. Ms. Ringle stated that FOCH's mission was to serve Richfield by supporting RJRD in the following projects:

- Annual fundraisers
- Improvement projects
- Volunteer orientation and education
- Development of on-site educational & research programs
- Program support through hosting the events or assisting
- Research for national standards applicable for the property
- Provide "concierge or camp monitor services"
- Immediate repair to the perimeter fence
- Maintenance of existing trails
- Restoration of native plant species
- Garden restoration and maintenance
- Permanent interpretive signage throughout the grounds
- Maintain a nature hut as an exhibit space
- Conduct feasibility study for the relocation of the Oviatt Farmhouse

The Board was very receptive of the offer and will be considered once operating and maintenance plans are developed.

**5. Comments from the Floor**

None.

**6. Action Items & Agenda Items for Next Meeting, December 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

There will be a Work Session prior to the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2015. The Work Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Village Parks and Recreation Board will be in attendance to discuss collaborative efforts. The Work Session will be in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Reminder to the Board that Mr. David Mitchell, Centerville Mills will be in attendance at the January 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting to give a presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Clark will provide a report regarding the current Caretaker on the property and will follow-up with WRL regarding the ability to get back on the property and open it up to the public. A "Cabin Fever Tour" is being developed.

Possible changes to the bylaws and modifications to the standing committees will be coordinated by Mrs. Bluso Rogers and will be disseminated prior to January 19, 2015. This discussion will take place at the Regular Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015.

For inclusion for the January 12, 2015 meeting, property uses will be discussed as it relates to the Richfield Township Zoning Regulations. Immediate uses and future ideas will be discussed.

An Executive Session will be included for the January 5, 2015 regular meeting to discuss the purchase of property per ORC 121.22(g), if necessary.

**7. Executive Session:  
Not required.**

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

**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)**

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant to RJRD Board



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Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Chairperson



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Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Secretary