



Special Meeting Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2015

*(Meeting Held at the Village of Richfield Town
Hall, Mayor's Conference Room)*

SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION

Call to Order:

The Special Meeting Work Session was Called to Order at 5:03 p.m. by the Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski. Roll Call was taken by RJRD Administrator, Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

In Attendance:

Mr. Bob Becker
Ms. Kelly Clark
Mr. Rich Fleming
Mr. Ralph McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris (*Not present*)
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Mr. Bill Taylor

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator

Also in Attendance:

Mayor Bobbie Beshara
Lucia Hanigosky, Volunteers

Business:

1. Discussion regarding loan repayment to the Village of Richfield:

The Board discussed the loan repayment and took the following action in the Special Meeting Work Session.

MOTION made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the payment first half of the loan from the Village of Richfield in the amount of \$20,000.00.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

2. Discussion of Resolutions 7, 8, 9 and 10-2015:

The Board was in unanimous consent with the resolutions as presented.

3. Discussion regarding property tours on Sunday, August 9, 2015:

The Board discussed an open house "of sorts" to show community appreciation.

MOTION made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. McNerney to approve the first Community Appreciation Tour on Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. entitled "Be There From The Start."

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

4. Discussion regarding the July Volunteer work events and the status of the property:

The Board discussed necessary expenses and took the following action.

MOTION made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. McNerney to approve in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of portable gas tanks to house gasoline and diesel fuel and to purchase said fuel as required to run the property equipment.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the July, 2015 work events to purchase miscellaneous supplies such as locks, toilet paper, toilet seats for the latrines, oil, hydraulic fluid, oil filters, shop rags, grease, hand cleaner, towels, garden hoses and round up.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

MOTION made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. McNerney to approve in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 from the Capital Fund for the replacement of the Broadview Road Gate and Service Door.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. McNerney to approve in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 from the Capital Fund to make necessary and emergency repairs to the storm water management system and culverts.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 from the Capital Fund to make necessary and emergency assessments through the use of jetting and scoping of the storm water management system.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

5. Discussion regarding agenda items for the upcoming regular meetings:

The Board discussed upcoming meeting agendas and it was the Board's unanimous consensus that Special Meeting Work Sessions would continue prior to the regular meetings to continue strategies for long term planning.

The RJRD Board of Trustees adjourned for a recess until 6:00 p.m. in order to attend the Public Ceremony.

PUBLIC CEREMONY

Business:

At 6:00 p.m. the RJRD Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski Board presented a "check" for \$4,400,000.00 to Western Reserve Land Conservancy Representative Mr. Joe Leslie for the 337 acres of property known as the Crowell-Hilaka property in exchange for a set of 85 keys to the property and buildings. Representatives from the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township were in attendance for this historic moment. Attendees from the municipality were: Mayor Bobbie Beshara, Summit County Executive Representative Connie Krause, President of Village Council Mr. Rick Hudak, Council Person Mr. Mike Wheeler and Richfield Township Trustee Mr. Bob Luther. Kind words were expressed to the RJRD Board of Trustees and Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the residents whose hard work made this happen.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the RJRD Board of Trustees was Called to Order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson Mr. Floyd Ostrowski. Roll Call was taken by RJRD Administrator, Mrs. Bluso Rogers immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance:

Mr. Bob Becker
Ms. Kelly Clark

Mr. Rich Fleming
Mr. Ralph McNerney
Mr. Pat Norris (*Not Present*)
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski
Mr. Bill Taylor

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel
Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator

Also in Attendance:

Mayor Bobbie Beshara

Business:

1. Recognition of Invited Guests & Residents:

The Chair recognized a number of VIP's that were in attendance to commemorate the first anniversary of the RJRD and the transfer of property from Western Reserve Land Conservancy. The Chair recognized: Mayor Bobbie Beshara, Village Council President and Council, RTWP Administrator, RWTP Trustee Mr. Luther, Summit County Executive Representative Connie Kraus, Members of the Campaign Committee, Richfield Historical Society and Members of the Press.

It was noted for the record that Nick Kostandaras provided a statement, *"I am grateful for all the new people that are involved in such a tremendous project and am very proud. I wish the RJRD the best of luck and know that you can count on me to help you in any way possible."*

2. Opening Statement by Chairperson

The Chairperson stated for the record that many things were accomplished included many partnerships that included educational activities with the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center and the Ohio Operating Engineers.

August 9, 2015 will be Community Appreciation Day and the Chairperson invites resident who are out that day enjoying the Kiwanis Community Day to also stop by the property and "Be There From The Start." The Chair also asked understanding from the residents as many activities are occurring on the property to make it safe and accessible.

3. New Business:

Trustee Mr. McNerney presented a "check" for \$20K to Mayor Beshara and thanked the Mayor and Village Council for their generous appropriation of start up funds.

MOTION made by Ms. Clark to authorize Resolutions 7, 8, 9, and 10-2014 that states

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, 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

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

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; 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; 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

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

FLOYD OSTROWKSI, CHAIRPERSON
RALPH MCNERNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON

**PAT NORRIS, TREASURER
BILL TAYLOR, SECRETARY
BOB BECKER
KELLY CLARK
RICH FLEMING**

and former Richfield Joint Recreation District Trustees

BOB LUCAS, DONNA SKODA

Enthusiastically express their sincere appreciation for the vision, support, and commitment and perseverance of

**Resolution 7-2015
VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD
MAYOR BOBBIE BESHARA
RICK HUDAK, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEMBERS
ANDY ELLIS
JIM KAHOE
BARBARA LANFORD
ROGER SWAN
MIKE LYONS
MIKE WHEELER**

and

**RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANET JANKURA, CHAIRPERSON
HAYDEN J. SHUPE, VICE CHAIRPERSON
ROBERT LUTHER, TRUSTEE**

RICHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

and

THE RESIDENTS AND ELECTORS OF THE RICHFIELD JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

And

**RESOLUTION 8-2015
FRIENDS OF CROWELL-HILAKA
COREY RINGLE, PRESIDENT OF FOCH
DONNA SPEIGLER, TREASURER
JENNY AUSTIN, COMMUNICATIONS,
PAT BOCZAR, MERCHANDISE
RICH FLEMING, RJRD LIAISON
DICK JOHNSON, MEDIA
RACHEL OPENHEIMER, SOCIAL MEDIA
LYNN RICHARDSON, INTERIM SECRETARY
BOB RICHARDSON, CODE OF REGULATIONS/WEBMASTER
BETH SANDERSON, MARKETING**

**SARAH SPEIGLER
BARB STARR, MEMBERSHIP**

AND

**RESOLUTION 9-2015
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
SANDY APIDONE
ABBY GRETTTER
LUCIA HANIGOSKY
DICK & LYNN JOHNSON
COREY RINGLE
MEG SLIFCAK
DENNY FLANAGAN**

AND

**RESOLUTION 10-2015
WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY**

**JOE LESLIE
KENDRICK CHITTOCK**

Mr. Floyd Ostrowski seconded the motion and Trustee Mr. Bob Becker presented Resolution 7-2015, Trustee Mr. Rich Fleming presented Resolution 8-2015, Trustee Mr. Ralph McNerney presented Resolution 9-2015 and Trustee Mr. Taylor presented Resolution 10-2015

Roll Call for Motion:

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

[APPLAUSE]

Adjournment:

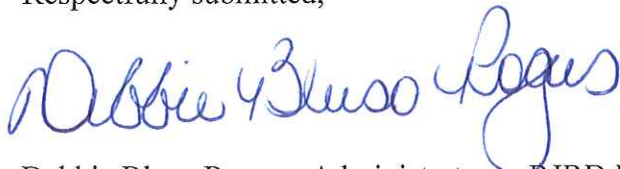
MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

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

**PUBLIC RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWED THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary