



**Richfield Joint Recreation District  
Special Meeting**

**Monday, July 21, 2014**

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

The Richfield Joint Recreation District Board was Called To Order at 7:40 p.m. with Roll Call taken by Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Bob Lucas (*Scheduled to Arrive After Township BZA Meeting*)

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

Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson

Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson

Ms. Corey Ringle, Friends of Crowll-Hilaka and Working Group Member

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Joe Leslie, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

**Business:**

**Administration: District Funding for Acquisition and Operation**

Mr. Leslie stated that the Crowell-Hilaka dam will be studied again by an engineer on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at noon. Anyone from the board wishing to be on-site was invited. The Dam Study will be updated based on the engineer's findings. The Board and Mr. Leslie discussed various acquisition costs, operation and on-going maintenance costs. Mr. Norris reported that Mr. Mike Sudsina, Municipal Financial Advisor, conservatively indicated that the term of the bond would be 28 years at 4.5% interest rate.

Mr. Leslie stated that campaign polling by R Strategy was delayed due to incomplete information. It was determined that polling should begin when complete and accurate information is available.

It was stated that 85% of the bond were required to be expended within three years from the date of the issuance. Various financial strategies and scenarios were discussed.

Mr. Leslie provided the order of issues on the ballot: State, County, Special District and Municipality.

**Legal and Legislative:**

**Review and discussion of Resolutions of Necessity**

Four resolutions of necessity were distributed to the board members for review and discussion. The Board would take action on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Hanna would contact the Summit County Fiscal Officer to confirm their receipt of an advance copy prior to adoption of the resolutions.

**Executive Session:**

Not required.

**Additional and New Business:**

Ms. Clark stated that she secured a Facebook account on behalf of the Recreation District.

Ms. Ringle stated that she met with Ms. Elaina Goodrich at the Bath Nature Preserve. Ms. Ringle forwarded electronically the Nature Preserve's history, background and their successful strategies. The Board was reminded about balancing the risk of the park amenities and their necessity. Ms. Ringle stated on behalf of FOCH their commitment to provide support in any way possible.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Lucas to add to the agenda the Election of Officers.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Administrative Assistant to the Board, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Skoda to nominate Mr. Ostrowski as Chairperson for the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Bluso Rogers opened the floor for additional nominations.

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to nominate Mr. Lucas as Chairperson for the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Hearing no other nominations for chairperson, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, conducted the vote by a show of hands by the board. There were four (4) votes for Mr. Ostrowski and three (3) votes for Mr. Lucas resulting in the election of Mr. Ostrowski as Chairperson.

Mrs. Bluso Rogers, opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Norris and Mr. Lucas declined to be considered.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Norris to nominate Mr. McNerney as the Vice Chairperson for the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Hearing no other nominations for chairperson, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, conducted the vote by a show of hands by the board. There were seven (7) votes for Mr. McNerney resulting in the election of Mr. McNerney as Vice Chairperson.

Mrs. Bluso Rogers, opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Ostrowski to nominate Mr. Norris as the Treasurer for the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Hearing no other nominations for chairperson, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, conducted the vote by a show of hands by the board. There were seven (7) votes for Mr. Norris resulting in the election of Mr. Norris as Treasurer.

Mrs. Bluso Rogers opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Norris to nominate Mr. Taylor as the Secretary for the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Hearing no other nominations for Secretary, Mrs. Bluso Rogers, conducted the vote by a show of hands by the board. There were seven (7) votes for Mr. Taylor resulting in the election of Mr. Taylor as Secretary.

**Action Items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Agenda items for the next meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 are: Resolutions of Necessity and the discussion and establishment of working committees.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Ostrowski and seconded by Mr. Norris to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chairperson

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