



**Richfield Joint Recreation District
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2014
(Meeting Held at the Richfield Village Town Hall, Mayor's Conference Room)**

Call to Order:

The Special Meeting was Called to Order at 7:35 p.m. and Roll Call was taken by 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

Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson
Mr. Roger Swan, Village Councilperson
Ms. Corey Ringle, Friends of Crowell-Hilaka and Working Group Member
Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Business:

Legal and Legislative:

Resolution of Necessity Number 1-2014

MOTION made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Clark to adopt Resolution Number 1-2014 A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to levy an Additional 0.50-Mill Tax Levy for the Purpose of Parks and Recreational Purposes, Including acquiring, Maintaining and Operating Recreational Facilities and Community Centers, and Requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the District and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that Would Be Generated By That Additional Levy, Pursuant to Sections 755.18, 5705.19(H) and 5705.198 of the Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Resolution Number 2-2014

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Skoda to adopt Resolution Number 2-2014 A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Submitting the Question of the Issuance of Recreational Facilities Improvement Bonds, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$5,680,000, to the Electors of the District Pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Resolution Number 3-2014

MOTION made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. McNerney to adopt Resolution Number 3-2014 A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Submitting the Question of the Issuance of Recreational Facilities Improvement Bonds, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$7,100,000, to the Electors of the District Pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Resolution Number 4-2014

MOTION made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt Resolution Number 4-2014 A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Submitting the Question of the Issuance of Recreational Facilities Improvement Bonds, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$8,520,000, to the Electors of the District Pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Selection of Working Group Committee Members:

Ms. Clark introduced a framework of four (4) committee groups. The Board discussed forming the following committees and subcommittees:

Committee & Subgroups

Communication	Subcommittee: Education
Volunteer Resources	
Facilities & Programming	Subcommittee: Recreation & Amenities
Finance & Budget	Subcommittee: Fund Raising

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to adopt four working committees: Communication, Volunteer Resources, Facilities & Programming and Finance & Budget with subgroups as noted in the record.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Committee assignments were made by Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski based on Board Member input.

Committee Assignments

Communication	Ms. Clark, Chairperson Mr. Taylor Ms. Skoda
Volunteer Resources	Ms. Skoda, Chairperson Mr. Norris Ms. Clark
Facilities & Programming	Mr. Lucas, Chairperson Ms. Clark Mr. McNerney
Finance & Budget	Mr. Norris, Chairperson Ms. Skoda

Mr. Taylor

MOTION made by Ms. Skoda and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the committee assignments noted in the record.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski will attend committee meetings to gather information adhering to the OMA. Mr. Hanna stated that the committees were considered a public body requiring an agenda, minutes and a public meeting place. Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Bluso Rogers will provide assistance to the committees to disseminate and coordinate public information. The committees may utilize adhoc working groups including, and assistance from, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Friends of Crowell-Hilaka and the Joint Working Group.

New Business:

Mr. Lucas inquired the status of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and Mr. Lyons stated that it needs to be reviewed by Village of Richfield Council.

At a previous meeting a debriefing from the Joint Working Group was discussed. Following up, members of this group (including WRA and FCOH) will be invited to present a history of Crowell-Hilaka, Maps and other relevant information to ensure that the Board will be adequately informed.

Mr. Hanna stated that it is anticipated that the Board should receive the Fiscal Office certifications requested by the Resolutions of Necessity by Wednesday, July 30, 2014, since an advance copy was sent to the County Fiscal Officer. These resolutions will be included on the agenda for the Wednesday, July 30, 2014 Special Board Meeting, and the Board will review in order to adopt the appropriate Resolutions to Proceed.

Mr. Norris stated his concern regarding the appropriateness of discussing the Board's activities publicly. Mr. Lyons noted that discussions in Executive Sessions are confidential but it was appropriate to state their opinions and enthusiasm about the district as they attend community events.

Mr. Norris inquired about the parameters of the Board discussing the ballot issues publicly. Mr. Hanna stated that public monies could not be spent on campaign advocacy, but that the Board could provide accurate information to the public concerning the issues. Mr. Lyons further elaborated that it was appropriate for Board members to feel free to state their opinions and express enthusiasm about the district as they attend community events.

Mr. Norris introduced Mr. Mike Sudsina, Sudsina & Associates. Mr. Sudsina is a financial advisor for municipalities and he provided an overview of bond management that included a variety of borrowing procedures. Mr. Sudsina clarified that taxpayers are not impacted until the bonds and the borrowing is issued. The requirement to expend 85% of the funds within three years commences at the time the debt is issued. It was reported on behalf of Ms. Sandy Turk, that First Merit would be interested.

Ms. Ringle reported that FOCH will arrange with Western Reserve a date to access the property for light cleaning and trail clearing to prepare for Open Houses. Contractors and engineers were not able to attend Thursday's site walk due to the short notice. To assist with the various events at Crowell-Hilaka, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Bluso Rogers will work with Ms. Ringle to prepare a master schedule that will be available at all the meetings. Ms. Ringle and the FOCH will be working on a presentation, with the approval and input from RJD Board's and R Strategy Group, so that the FOCH can assist with community communication. Ms. Ringle will be working with the Chairperson of the Communications Committee, Ms. Clark.

Mrs. Bluso Rogers provided the Ohio Risk Plan Insurance quote to the Board.

MOTION made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Taylor to authorize Ms. Sandy Turk to submit an application to NSI A Division of West Bend Mutual Insurance Company to obtain liability insurance quote for the RJD Board.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

MOTION made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to establish the Special Meeting Schedule for the month of August for the Board:

Monday, August 4,

Monday, August 11,

Monday, August 18, and

Monday, August 25

at 7:30 at the Village of Richfield Town Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

MOTION made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Ms. Skoda to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR NONE (0) OPPOSED

Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson

Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary