

RJRD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The RJRD Board met in The Park Lodge at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Holly Price, Dave Wehner (Excused), Mark Robeson, Steve McPeake, Cindy Moore, Mike Lyons, Anita Gantner

Also present: John Piepsny, Gwen Hostnik and members of the public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 26, 2026 meeting were approved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance: Mr. Lyons reported that the governance committee had met twice since the January meeting and have started to review park policies. Next meeting is April 8 at 7:30am.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Park Director Piepsny provided an update related to grants:

- Erosion by Hilea: study is complete and awaiting report. Potential for in-house solution
- Upper Lake: bridge replacement essentially done. CVCC to assist with approach after their spring break and hope to complete by June 1. All grant related work must be complete by June 30.
- State Capital Grant 2027 Cycle: Submitted application for initial stabilization of North House and Coach House.
- State Capital Grant/Driveway: Bid opening on Thursday March 26th at 10am. The bid request included an alternate bid to also pave from just past the lodge to Amity House for the overnight guests. Oil volatility could be a factor in pricing. Mr. Piepsny requested a special meeting to approve bid. Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 30th.

Mr. Piepsny also provided an update regarding items of the park plan that are currently being worked on. He also spoke about the kick-off event with the Richfield Brewery on April 30th for the 4th Annual Goat Derby.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Ms. Gantner gave the report in Mr. Wehner's absence. As of February 28th, there was a cash balance of \$567K, less outstanding checks/adjustments of \$9K for a total available cash balance of 558K. The cash balance was further broken down to \$164K in the bond fund and \$394K in all other funds. Cash inflows were \$16K and outflows were \$44K.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Price outlined a nonprofit organization rental policy as discussed in the governance committee. After some discussion, Mr. Lyons said feedback would be taken back to the committee for further review.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding the final trail symbols and colors. Ms. Price expressed concern regarding the contrast and visibility of the yellow color.

MOTION: Ms. Price moved to approve the sign design symbols with color scheme to be finalized by the Park Director and sign fabricator. Ms. Gantner seconded.

MOTION PASSED: Vote was taken by roll call.

Ms. Robeson (yea), Ms. Price (yea), Ms. Moore (yea), Mr. McPeake (yea), Mr. Lyons (yea), Ms. Gantner (yea).

The Friends would like to move forward with the swing bridge at the Mill. The board discussed hazards and potential liability. It was resolved to conduct a "Field Trip" for the board at the Special March 30th meeting to see the Mill and the Swing Bridge.

Mr. Piepsny read a report on behalf of the Oviatt House Group regarding their desire to use the Mable Smith well for water at the Oviatt House.

MOTION: Mr. Lyons moved to allow the Oviatt House Group to use the Mable Smith well for their water supply. Mr. McPeake seconded.

MOTION PASSED: Vote was taken by roll call.

Ms. Robeson (yea), Ms. Price (yea), Ms. Moore (yea), Mr. McPeake (yea), Mr. Lyons (yea), Ms. Gantner (yea).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Piepsny announced that there will be the third Astronomy meeting on Monday March 30th.

Art in the Park is a new program being held in April by the Richfield Heritage Park Conservancy.

Comments from the Floor:

Village Representative, Carol Campbell spoke about the park plan as it relates to structures and partnership groups.

Pat Norris spoke about his desire to have Partner Groups that are sponsoring an event to benefit the RJRD/RHP should use facilities at this park for "no charge" as determined by prior boards of RJRD.

Cory Ringle spoke about North House damage and a desire to grant access to the Friends of RHP to begin work prior to the 2027 State Capital Grant decision.

MOTION: Ms. Gantner motioned to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or

official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Mr. McPeake seconded.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by roll call. Mr. Robeson (yea), Mr. Lyons (yea), Mr. McPeake (yea), Ms. Price (yea), Ms. Moore (yea), Ms. Gantner (yea).

The Board entered executive session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:29 p.m.

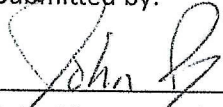
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn made by Ms. Price. Mr. McPeake seconded.

MOTION PASSED: Vote was taken by voice, which was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:



John Piepsny, Park Director

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chair