

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SPECIAL MEETING/MARCH 18, 2002

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Nourse, with Mr. Wharton, Ms. Keller and Mrs. Easter present.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board adjourn into Executive session to discuss terms & conditions for potential employment with Ms. Elizabeth Anderson. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye. Mr. Nourse; Aye.

The special meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman

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Mr. Gary Moore; Darby Project Protection Coordinator, opened the meeting by introducing everyone in attendance and stated that the reason for the meeting was to address the Phillips Hellbranch Headwaters Restoration Project.

Prairie Township inquired about excluding 24 acres from the Clean Ohio funding to eliminate deed restrictions on this portion of the property, including the Cole Road frontage, to build an educational/conference center that fits the surrounding area. Income may be generated from rental opportunity. The property south of West Board Street will remain as it is, with no means of access.

Mr. Lou Mascari, OPWC, explained the application process and if the 24 acres were included in the application for Clean Ohio funding the emphasis would be on passive recreation. A state certified appraisal (summary report) with addendum letter would be required. Resolutions are to be included with the application stating the direction the Township intends for the property. The Clean Ohio application deadline (Round 1) is April 30, 2002.

Ms. Debbie Phillips-Bower, joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Moore stated that as an owner of the property, Ms. Phillips-Bower is interested in preservation of the property to include concerns for the community, i.e. storm water etc.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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