

Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Director's meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
June 14, 2017, Findlay, OH

E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, D. Croy, P. Martin, J. McCleary, E. Reynolds, B. Antibus, C. Kirchner, D. Kozlowski, G. Russell, W. Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by E. Reynolds

Treasurer's Report

- P. Martin presented the report for T. Macke, who was absent. Martin reviewed the financial documents prepared by Macke them with the group.
- D. Croy motioned to approve the report and B. Antibus seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **SandWand™ Demonstration Days**
 - D. Kozlowski reviewed the two demonstrations day that were held on June 2nd, in Bluffton and June 5th, in Findlay. He said the demonstrations went well.
 - He said that many people attended the demonstration in Bluffton and that reactions were very positive.
 - P. Martin reported that Karl Gephardt from the OEPA attended the day in Findlay, along with several officers from Findlay and Hancock County agencies.
- **River Clean-up in Ottawa**
 - D. Croy said that the Ottawa River cleanup was very successful with about 28 people attending.
 - D. Croy said that they hauled off 7 dump truck loads of debris, as well as clearing much brush and weeds.
 - Lima News was presented and reported the clean-up.
- **PayPal Payments**
 - E. Reynolds reported that she was looking into PayPal as a means to allow people to make donations or to pay for their memberships. The goal is to have a working link on our website.
 - Reynolds note that a privacy policy was needed and P. Martin have develop one for site.
 - The board gave Reynolds the permission to sent-up PayPal.

Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee**
 - E. Reynolds said that the committee has been meeting and talking with and about P. Martin's coordinator's contract, which expires on June 30, 2017.
 - She reported that the new contract would run from Jul1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. During July, Martin will work 40 hour weeks. Martin's hours will be reduced to an average of 30 hours a week beginning August 1, 2017. Martin will receive 4 paid Holidays and 48 hours of time off for sickness and vacation. Paid time off from the previous contract will roll over.
 - W. Doyle motioned to authorize E. Reynolds to sign the new Contract with P, Martin. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.

- **Community Advisory Council**
 - P. Martin said that 22 people are committed to the East-Central Region meeting of the CAC committee which is scheduled for June 26th at the Hancock County Ag Center in Findlay from 3 to 4:30 pm.
 - P. Martin said the Headwaters Region meeting for the will be on June 27th in Bluffton from 3 to 4:30 pm. Nine people have confirmed they would attend.

- **Education Committee**
 - E. Reynolds said that she has talked to S. Myers about scheduling an education committee meeting.
 - Reynolds stated that we need to find someone to co-chair the Rain Barrel contest
 - J. McCleary said that the June 19th "Project Wild" event is cancelled as only one person signed up, but it will likely be rescheduled.
 - P. Martin said that he would like to meet next Thursday, June 22nd, and S. Myers and J. McCleary agreed.
 - P. Martin presented the new display boards and went through them with the board.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - P. Martin said that the stewardship committee had met the previous Thursday.
 - The committee presented the update of the Financial Operational Policies & Procedures. P. Martin reviewed the suggested changes. Discussion was held about the document and some changes were proposed. B. Antibus motioned to approve the amended policy and S. Myers seconded. It passed unanimously.

- **Board Governance Committee**
 - J. McCleary had nothing to report.

- **Membership Committee**
 - D. Croy said that the membership committee will meet next week.

New Business

- **Strategic Plan Quarterly Review**
 - E. Reynolds reviewed the Strategic Plan and the board provided updates needed at each step.

- **Great Lakes Basin Grant**
 - P. Martin said that he receives an email informing him that we would receive the mini grant we applied for, if we would make some minor changes. Martin said the main change dealt with the ending date. By shorting the grant to 2 years resulted in other changes. Martin said he would make the changes.
 - P. Martin asked the board to give E. Reynolds permission to sign the contract when it arrives. Discussion was held and permission granted to Reynolds.

- **Amazon Smile**
 - E. Reynolds said that if you order something on Amazon and use Amazon smile they will give us a few cents. Martin reported that we still needed to set-up some aspects with Amazon that only T. Macke could do. Martin said he would send the information to Macke when he returns from vacation.

Coordinator's Comments

- P. Martin reviewed the 2017 projects and grants. He presented a list of the meetings he would be attending in the next month.

Other Business

- E Reynolds noted that we need to begin thinking about the annual meeting. D. Croy, C. Kirchner, J. McCleary, and B. Connour said they will organize.
- It was mentioned that if we want to have an August social that ideas should be sent to P. Martin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.