

Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Executive/Organization and Development Committee meeting
Hancock County Engineer's Meeting room Findlay, OH.
July 17, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: T. Brugeman, B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Allen, D. Kozlowski

- Coordinators update
 - P. Martin gave the group an update on the rain barrel project, notes can be found in the minutes of the education committee.
 - The education committee thinks this project should be continued and that we should continue with the barrels displayed at the Greater Findlay Home show.
 - P. Martin updated the group on all of the grants that are currently active and applied for.
 - D. Kozlowski asked about the Great Lakes Basin grant. There is some concern about getting funding for accounting from this grant. He wondered who we could contact to make sure we are doing things properly.
 - Discussions were had about the excessive amount of work the treasurer must do to make sure things are correct. It was discussed and agreed upon that the treasurer should be somehow compensated.
 - T. Allen made a motion to pay D. Kozlowski \$25 an hour for bookkeeping work on the GLB grant, retroactive to 1/1/13. B. Connour seconded and it passed unanimously. This action will need to be approved by the full board.
- Presidents thoughts
 - T. Brugeman presented an update from AR marketing and presented a report from them on what our expenses have been so far.
 - It was discussed that we want our new website launched as soon as possible.
 - T. Brugeman told the group we are rapidly approaching a corporate sponsorship drive.
 - P. Martin mentioned that he had heard the U of F doesn't want to work with us on river cleanups anymore. Several reasons were given.
 - T. Brugeman stated that he doesn't think we should do a cleanup this year and discussions were all in agreement with this.
 - T. Allen motioned to not have an August cleanup this year, D. Kozlowski seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Finances
 - D. Kozlowski presented the June statements and informed the group there have been no major changes in July.
- Other concerns
 - OWL (Ohio Watershed Leadership) conference is near Athens, on 9/5 and 9/6.

- P. Martin presented project proposal 2013-9 to cover his registration.
- T. Allen motioned to approve project proposal 2013-9 and D. Kozlowski seconded. It passed unanimously.
- It was mentioned that we have 4 tickets to a fundraiser at Indian Lake and they are spoken for.

- Organization and development committee
 - Discussions were had about having the annual meeting on Wednesday, November 20th.
 - D. Kozlowski said we have the funds available to do it.
 - Discussions were had about format, where to have it, etc..
 - It was decided it will be the morning of Wednesday, November 20th at the Brugeman Lodge or Hancock Ag center.

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm.