

Minutes of the Blanchard River
Watershed Partnership Steering Committee
October 20, 2011, Findlay, OH

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: T. Brugeman, B. Antibus, B. Connour, P. Martin, L. Schroeder, S. Lehman, J. Loerke, D. Switzer

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by T. Brugeman

- Phil Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda.
 - The agenda and minutes from the September meeting were approved unanimously.

- Treasurers report
 - D. Kozlowski was absent, P. Martin reported in his stead.
 - P. Martin went through the report on expenditures, receipts, and other budgetary activity.
 - It was stated that we have income of \$56,000 and projected expenditures of \$34,238 through June 31, 2011.
 - T. Brugeman explained that some grants are on the fiscal year while we operate on the calendar year.
 - B. Antibus motioned to accept the treasurer's report, L. Schroeder seconded, it passed unanimously.

- Coordinator comments
 - P. Martin presented a handout.
 - P. Martin stressed the importance of in kind forms for continual funding.
 - P. Martin spoke about the sustainability coalition meeting he attended at the University of Findlay.
 - T. Brugeman discussed how this coalition is calling on us as a resource.
 - P. Martin talked about a GLISTEN meeting he attended at the University of Findlay, as well as a chemical testing program.
 - Several members walked the river in Ottawa and the weeds/poison ivy are too high this time of year to attempt a river clean up. We plan to have one in April.
 - Discussions were had about a HSTS grant we are applying for that is in the amount of \$160,000, there was a handout regarding the grant details. We are waiting on it to be signed.
 - T. Brugeman asked for a motion to authorize the group to file grant applications for the ODNR state implementation watershed grant and the CMAG cycle 16 grant.
 - J. Loerke motioned, S. Lehman seconded and it passed unanimously.

- P. Martin will be attending a meeting with the Army corps of engineers on November 2 to talk about two stage ditches in the Riley creek.
- S. Lehman completed a video presentation of a stream observation walk on the little Riley.

- Old business
 - T. Brugeman asked for a motion to approve not more than \$250 for a large banner.
 - T. Allen motioned, J. Loerke seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - T. Brugeman stated that the University of Findlay will host the annual meeting on November 17th, and that State Senator Cliff Hite will speak.
 - Discussions centered on the annual meeting and how it will logistically be ran.
 - It was decided that the 2012 friend of the river award would go to Denny Tressel and certificates would be given to others that have donated and done work for us.
 - A motion was asked for to approve \$500 for the annual meeting to be spent as needed. T. Allen motioned, D. Switzer seconded, it passed unanimously.

- New business and presidents comments
 - Friend of the river awards were discussed and a motion was made to award 6, including one plaque. T. Allen motioned, S. Lehman seconded and it passed unanimously.
 - T. Brugeman presented a handout and spoke about the annual meeting.
 - There will be a vote at the annual meeting on changing the by-laws.
 - T. Brugemann asked about the possibility of gathering sometime in December for a holiday dinner.
 - Discussions were had about handout materials, pens, pencils, lanyards, etc...
 - It was mentioned that we can get 100 lanyards for \$176.
 - Discussions were also had about methods of more sustainable long term funding.

- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.