

**Minutes of the Blanchard River  
Watershed Partnership Steering Committee**

**April 28, 2011, Ottawa, OH. 6:00 p.m.**

Tim Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: D. Kozlowski, R. Greeno, J. Loehrke, L. Schroeder, B. Antibus, B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Brugeman

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 am by Tim Brugeman

1. T. Brugeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the handouts that were attached to the agenda with everyone present.
2. T. Brugeman led a discussion of the BRWP's focus on Ottawa and Putnam County.
  - Discussions included flooding, water quality, stewardship, action plans, and river cleanups.
  - P. Martin talked about the need for volunteers and help with our efforts on Riley creek and Cranberry creek.
  - Ongoing discussions centered around river cleanups.
3. BRWP Business meeting
  - The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved by unanimous vote.
4. Treasurers report
  - We have received a partial reimbursement from ODNR 2010-2011 Cycle-14 grant, had few expenses, and are fiscally sound.
5. Coordinators Comments
  - P. Martin had a handout that can be referenced.
  - P. Martin stated that we have received two grants and are applying for others.
  - P. Martin also discussed our monitoring and cleanup activities.
6. Committee reports
  - The education committee will meet the week of May 23rd.
7. Presidents report
  - T. Brugeman thanked J. Loehrke and Ottawa for the legislative day that was held in Ottawa.
  - T. Brugeman talked about the rain gardens initiatives and plans for future rain garden projects.
  - T. Brugeman talked about the need for, and our support of, a good water access point in Ottawa.
  - T. Brugeman stated that we are looking for more volunteers and sponsors.

## 8. Old business

- D. Kozlowski talked about a grant we have received for stormwater training.
- There is also money available for public information and outreach on urban stormwater management.
- We have also partnered with the City of Findlay Engineer's Department to create a program that will define urban stormwater pollution.
- P. Martin talked about upcoming special events and our displays.
- P. Martin and B. Antibus talked about a river cleanup in Bluffton involving students.

## 9. New business

- It was stated that the water quality gauges used by Heidelberg University are losing funding.
- P. Martin mentioned the river rally in Charleston, NC, the date is June 3-6.
- P. Martin presented an appropriation proposal for printing, and a vote was conducted to create an open PO for \$400 to cover printing costs. It passed unanimously.

## 10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.
- Next meeting will be in Bluffton, OH. on May 19, 2011 at the Village Hall at 6:00 p.m.

## **Coordinators Comments**

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### **The Outlet/Lye Creek WAP**

The WAP was submitted to Matt Adkins at Coastal Management on April 8, 2011. Matt posted the plan for review on April 22, 2011. He asked that the reviews be done by May 6, 2011.

### **Grants**

Received a Urban Storm Water Management for Findlay, OH. Principals and Proposals grant from Lake Erie Basin Storm Water Training Grant. Total amount: \$5500 with a \$3000 In-kind and \$1000 local match and \$1500 cash.

HSTS Repair/Replacement in Hancock County grant Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. Asked \$190,000, received \$165,000???

Sediment and Phosphorus Reduction for Lye Creek grant from an Ohio EPA 319 grant. Karen Chapman from EDF is helping to help write the grant. Total for the grant is around \$290,000.

## **Meetings**

Karen Chapman, Denny Tressel, and Dave Reese met on April 21, 2011 to discuss the 319 grant.

Attended the quarterly OEC meeting in Tiffin on Wednesday April 2011.

Attended the Flood meeting in Ottawa with federal, state, and local officials with Dick. (See handout. Power point presentation may be added to web site.

Met with County commissioners to discuss grant, Houcktown, and 319 grant.

## **Other Items**

“What is a Watershed Video” University of Findlay Student is doing this video for her class. I should be getting a copy within 10 days.

Sent our brochure and a copy of this map to ODNR in Columbus for display on a wall devoted to watersheds of Ohio.

Water Quality Monitoring data for 2010 will be posted by Saturday.

## **May Projects**

Continue Stream Observations Walk in Riley Creek.

Clean-up in Ottawa on May 14th.

319 grant due May 13th.

Education/Outreach Committee Meeting

Finalize Fair Display.