

Minutes of the Blanchard River
Watershed Partnership Steering Committee

September 15, 2011, Findlay, OH

Tim Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: T. Brugeman, S. Lehman, R. Greeno, J. Loehrke, L. Schroeder, B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Allen

The meeting was called to order at 4p.m. by Tim Brugeman

1. T. Brugeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the handouts that were attached to the agenda.
2. BRWP Business meeting
 - The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Treasurers report
 - D. Kozlowski was not present, P. Martin presented the report, which can be referenced.
 - The treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.
4. Coordinators Comments
 - P. Martin had a handout that can be referenced.
 - P. Martin discussed the professional meetings he has attended, and updated the group on those he plans to attend.
 - P. Martin updated the group on the Bluffton river cleanup; he stated that there were ten students involved.
 - P. Martin stated that we are still waiting to hear on the HSTS grant.
 - P. Martin has also spoken with R. Antibus, B. Dolan, and M. Homsher about future grant possibilities with freshwater futures.
 - P. Martin stated that the stream observation walks are starting next week and volunteers are needed.
5. Old business
 - The storm water forum was discussed, it is scheduled for October 11th.
 - It will be held at the Findlay inn and conference center.
 - A news release is going out and there have been over 70 invitations sent out.
 - It was stated that our new email address is brwp1237@gmail.com and we are actively trying to get our old address back.
 - J. Loerke talked about a river cleanup in Ottawa and stated that we have some permission to get in the river.
 - After discussion it was decided to schedule a cleanup for October 8th.

6. New business

- Reorganization of committees and changes to the bylaws were discussed.
- There was a motion to endorse and send the recommended changes to the annual meeting, it passed with unanimous vote.
- It was stated that the annual meeting will be November 17th at the University of Findlay. Doors will open at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7pm.
- The outreach budget was discussed, we have a few pens and other items left.
- A motion was made to approve the purchase of outreach supplies, not to exceed \$500.
- The motion passed unanimously.

7. Presidents comments

- T. Brugemann stated that we have been looking at and focusing on membership. He said we must get more people and more representatives.
- T. Brugemann updated the group on the Rain Garden and other initiatives.
- The group unanimously thanked P. Martin for his hard and dedicated work.

8. Comments

- R. Greeno reminded the group of the drug and mercury collection coming up.
- It was discussed that the next meeting will be at the Hancock County Engineer's office on October 20th at 6pm.
- The November meeting will be the annual meeting and the December meeting is generally a group holiday gathering.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:11p.m.