

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Executive Board meeting
September 17, 2014, Findlay, OH**

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

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 4:08 by T. Brugeman

The agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

Coordinator's update-P. Martin

- P. Martin provided the group with a handout detailing all active grants and discussed them with the group.
- Discussions were had about the Lye Creek Riparian Buffer project and how it is progressing.
- He talked about the \$500,000 Ohio EPA money for the Eagle Creek watershed.
- He stated that water quality monitoring will occur on September 26-30. S. Betts has been asked to help.
- He told the group that Sierra Club's chemical testing training was conducted earlier in the week and that B. Antibus, E. Reynolds, J. McCleary, D. Kozlowski, S. Betts, B. Sams, and P. Martin were trained. There will be more training in October.
- He stated that the materials for the rain barrel decorating contest would be going to the schools on 9-18-14.
- He said he is not going to the farm science review due to other commitments.

President's thoughts

- T. Brugeman said that the Hancock County Ag. Center is reserved but a speaker is not for the Annual Meeting. Discussions were had about who to have as a speaker.
- It was asked when notices for the meeting should go out and it was decided they should be sent by October 16th.
- B. Connour notified the board that J. McCleary and D. Kozlowski would run again for their positions but that T. Elliott would not.
- T. Brugeman said that we have only heard a response from Putnam County after meeting with different supporting groups.
- T. Allen said she would contact the Hardin County people and T. Brugeman said he would contact the others.
- Discussions were had about the mailing list and who will call different contacts as well as when. The letters went out the previous week.
- Everyone has seen the 1 minute video from A&R marketing, and the group went through the script for the longer video. J. McCleary had some good thoughts on the script.
- Discussions were had about the money and how A&R marketing is and will be paid.
- Discussions were had about what to do with money remaining in the community foundation grant.

- It was mentioned that some of it could be used for advertisements showcasing our accomplishments.
- It was mentioned that we want 2 radio spots in Putnam County and to develop a newspaper ad for late October or early November.

Finances

- D. Kozlowski presented a 2015 budget worksheet and told the group we will have a shortage unless we get some grants.
- It was discussed that we need to have a contingency plan.

- Organization and development committee
- Membership and mailings were talked about.

It was decided that the Christmas meeting will be at J. McCleary's house on December 10th .

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm