

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting, Findlay Municipal Meeting Room
August 2, 2016, Findlay, OH**

T. Allen presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, T. Macke, D. Croy, T. Brugeman, P. Martin, J. McCleary, G. Russell,
C. Kirchner, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds. T. Allen, J. Haselman

Absent: J Augsburger, W. Doyle, R. Antibus

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by T. Allen

- The agenda and minutes were previously approved by an email vote.

Financial Report

- T. Macke presented a financial report and accompanying documents and went through them with the group.
 - Discussions were had about the financial report and how money is transferred around and how we track this.
 - G. Russel motioned to approve the treasurer's report and E. Reynolds seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- E. Reynolds and J. McCleary had an update on the Board Governance Committee.
 - They presented a handout with notes from the committee and went through all the material with the group.
 - Discussions were had about all of this material.
 - Different options were discussed regarding the Community Advisory Council (CAC) were had. This focused primarily on what it would look like and how it would function
 - The CAC will definitely include 3 subgroups being referred to as the North Group (Ottawa area), South Group (Bluffton area) and East Group (Findlay Area).
- P. Martin spoke about board recruitment and where this stands and how we plan to move forward.
- He informed the group that there will be 2 terms coming open at this year's annual meeting.
- P. Martin gave everyone a copy of a poster put together by the Education and Outreach Committee. He also passed out copies of the pamphlets called "After the storm" and "Citizens guide to the BRWP".
 - Discussions were had about this committee and their activities.
- T. Allen encouraged people to chair or Co-Chair some the Membership Committee and the Stewardship Committee.
 - D. Croy and B. Connour agreed to Co-Chair the membership committee.

Old Business cont.

- P. Martin said we are doing a river cleanup with the U of F freshman students on August 20th from 9 - noon. We will meet at the Water Pollution Center property near the I-75 Bridge at 9 am.

New Business

- T. Brugeman, D. Croy, D. Kozlowski, J. McCleary, and T. Allen all agreed to be on the annual meeting committee.
 - It was decided that the annual meeting will be on Thursday November 10th in the early morning.
- P. Martin said that our laptop computer is 4 years old and has been “freezing.” T. Macke’s wife was going to look at it. Discussions were had about possibly replacing it.
- Discussions were had about the rain garden at Jefferson Primary school concerning the overgrown weeds.
 - P. Martin mentioned that he had been contacted by Kim Plesec, Principal, about the condition of the rain garden.
 - Martin had contacted Croy Mowing Ltd. about cleaning the area. Mr. Croy said it cost \$175.00.
 - Martin mentioned that the OEPA and Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation could ask for a refund of their grant money if the area was not kept up.
 - T. Brugeman mention that he was concerned that the area would not be taken care of since the teacher and other people that started the project were no longer at the school. He didn’t think it was the responsibility of the Partnership.
 - After additional discussion, Martin said that he would meet with Ms. Plesec on August 3rd
- T. Allen informed the Board that the Executive Committee had agreed to pay a \$75 registration fee for P. Martin to attend Ohio Watershed Leadership Conference (OWLS) on September 8th & 9th.
- T. Allen asked if the board wants to continue with the rain barrel contest. T. Brugeman motioned to do so and T. Macke seconded. It passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski asked if the group would donate a dozen golf balls to the Bridge Hospice Foundation raffle at their golf outing. D. Croy motioned to donate 2 dozen, E. Reynolds seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Coordinators Comments

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - P. Martin talked about all active, potential, and ending grants.
 - Discussions were had throughout about the comments.

Other Items

- T. Allen said that Hardin County WIC was working on letters to thank everyone for the vouchers that were donated for food at the farmers markets and that she wanted to thank the BRWP for the use of the canopy.

T. Brugeman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm and T. Allen seconded. It passed unanimously.