

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting
February 15th, 2018, Findlay, OH
Hancock County Engineer's meeting room
6-8 pm**

Don Croy presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, T. Macke, D. Croy, B. Doyle, P. Martin, C. Kirchner, S. Myers, J. McCleary, T. Watson, B. Antibus, quest: B. Sams

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by D. Croy

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- J. McCleary motioned to approve the January board meeting minutes and B. Doyle seconded. It passed unanimously.
- T. Macke presented a financial report and reviewed it with the group.
B. Connour motioned to approve and B. Antibus seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **Rain Barrel Contest**
 - P. Martin said that the Rain Barrel Contest setup at the Findlay Village Mall would be completed on the morning of 2-16. Discussions were had about this.
 - S Myers said there were still spots on the volunteer sign-up sheet for the contest. He asked that people let him know if they could work at the mall.
- **Fair Display**
 - S. Myers said the Education Committee had discussions about only having our display at county fairs. The committee recommended that we have our display at the Putnam and Hancock county fairs. Discussions were had about this.
 - T. Macke motioned to approve this and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.

New Business

- **Lake Erie Farm Forum III**
 - P. Martin asked permission to attend the Lake Erie farm forum Tuesday March 20th in Oak Harbor from 10-3.
 - After discussion it was decided that P. Martin will go and possibly S. Myers.

- **SWCD Watershed Grant Program**
 - P. Martin reported the OH Department of Agriculture (ODA) was offering a watershed grant program through local soil and water districts.
 - P. Martin asked G. Nageotte, ODA, about allowing a pass through from the SWCD to the BRWP.
 - D. Croy and P. Martin will talk to Hancock SWCD about them applying for the grant. They will meet on March 5th.
 - P. Martin will talk with Putnam SWCD on February 21st at their meeting.
 - If we go forward with this we will ask everyone for letters of support.
 - The grant is due April 2nd.

- **The Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation (TCF) grant**
 - P. Martin informed the board the TCF will provide \$2500 towards writing the 9 element NPS-IS plan grant for City of Findlay Riverside Park-Blanchard River HUC-12 watershed if we come up with \$5000. This watershed includes sediment behind Riverside Dam.
 - T. Macke asked if the board wants P. Martin to work on this 9 element plan.
 - After some discussion, it was decided to look at it more at next month's meeting.

- **Fundraiser for 2015**
 - P. Martin noted that if we plan to do a fundraiser in 2018, we need to have one chosen by the March meeting.
 - P. Martin said he had talked with park district about having a 5k run at Riverbend Park. He said there was some interest.
 - Discussions were had about a possible "Blanchard River Fest".

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**
 - S. Myers said the Education Committee had met and are reaching out to the new Blanchard River Watershed Solutions (BRWS) group.
 - Discussions were had about getting our ads on before movies at the cinema.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - T. Macke said that the stewardship committee had nothing to report.

- **Board Governance**
 - J. McCleary said there was nothing to report but have an agenda for their next meeting.

- **Community Advisory Council**
 - J. McCleary said that T. Macke, P. Martin and her conducted the CAC meeting on January 23, 2018 with representative from all three regions.
 - J. McCleary provided a handout and reviewed what they did and what was discussed.

- **Membership Committee**
 - D. Croy said that the Membership Committee had nothing to report.

- **Metrics Committee**
 - No report

Coordinators Comments

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
- Discussions were had about the Tiderishi plan, the Riverside dam project, and grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.