

**+Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting
January 18, 2018, Findlay, OH
Hancock County Engineer's meeting room
6-8 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, T. Macke, D. Croy, B. Doyle, P. Martin, C. Kirchner, E. Reynolds, S. Myers, A. Downing, J. McCleary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by E. Reynolds.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- B. Doyle motioned to approve the January planning meeting minutes and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
- There was no Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- **Rain Barrel Contest**
 - S. Myers said he is contacting the mall to see when we are allowed in to set up for the rain barrel contest. The date for the contest is February 16-18.
 - Discussions were had about how to get this going, when we can get in the room, pick up keys and rain barrels.
 - It was decided the rain barrels will be picked up on February 5, 6, and 7.
- **Website transition**
 - E. Reynolds said that the website is currently down and in transition due to a loss of the password at Active Domain.
 - It was said that the new hosting company needs the proper information on where to point our website to go.
- **CAC Meeting and Timeline**
 - J. McCleary presented an action plan and timeline for the CAC committee and went through it with the board.

Committees

- **Education**
 - It was mentioned that the education committee would meet Thursday January 25th at 5:30 at Owens.

New Business

- **Bluffton Icon**
 - Discussions were had about whether we should continue to purchase an advertisement with the Bluffton icon.
 - B. Connour motioned to continue it for 6 months for \$210. S. Myers seconded. Seven members voted to approve, one voted against.
- **Sierra Club**
 - Discussions were had about whether we should continue the Sierra Club water sentinel water testing.
 - The metrics committee recommends not continuing it.
 - B. Doyle motioned to discontinue it, D. Croy seconded and it passed unanimously.

Coordinator's comments

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
- Martin reported and discussions were had about the Tiderishi plan, grant with the National Water Quality Research Center at Heidelberg University, the riverside dam project, and other grants.
- P. Martin said there is two million unspent dollars in the western Lake Erie basin and he has been asked to attend a meeting where this will be discussed.

Other Items

- **Strategic Plan**
 - E. Reynolds presented the strategic plan and the board went through each strategic issue.
 - Decisions were made on what to do with each item.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.