E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, E. Reynolds, T. Macke, S, Myers, J. McCleary, T. Watson, J. Haselman, C Kirchner

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by E. Reynolds.

Minutes and Treasurer’s Report

- The minutes for February had not been emailed, so P. Martin they would be emailed and voted upon via email. Email approved the minutes 7-0

- T. Macke presented a treasurers report and went through it with the group.
  - B. Connour motioned to approve the treasurer’s report and S. Myers seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Rain Barrel Contest
  - S. Myers said that the rain barrel contest went well, but that only 4 were sold. He mentioned that we would give one away at the Putnam County and Hancock County.
  - Discussions were had about the rain barrel contest.

- State SWCD grant
  - P. Martin and E. Reynolds met with the SWCD in both Hancock and Putnam counties about a SWCD watershed grant that would cover $35,000 to $40,000 for watershed coordinators salary and fringe benefits.
  - Hancock soil and water would use us as a subcontractor for the watershed part. Half of the money would go to the BRWP and half would go to them to hire a watershed management person, who would be trained by P. Martin.
  - T. Macke motioned to pursue the grant with Hancock SWCD, and J. McCleary seconded. It was approved unanimously.

- City of Riverside-Blanchard River
  - P Martin mentioned that Freshwater Futures and some other sources might be able to provide money to match the $2,500 obligated from The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation. There needs to be a $5,000 match.
  - S. Myers motioned to pursue grants to fund the NPS plan for the City of Findlay-Blanchard River HUC-12 which includes Riverside Park. J. Haselman seconded and it passed unanimously.
• **Website**
  o E. Reynolds said that we changed hosts for our website in January and something got messed up, but she is working to get it restored.

• **Heidelberg University/NRCS Grant**
  o It was mentioned that Heidelberg College sent a contract to sign for $22,000 for four years to write an NPS-IS Plan for The Outlet-Blanchard River HUC-12, monitor and transect studies.

**Committee Reports**

• **Education Committee**
  o S. Myers reported the committee had a short meeting and talked about possible changes for next year’s rain barrel contest.
  o J. McCleary said that she is in contact with someone at the University of Findlay about an outreach video.
  o The idea of the drink coasters was discussed and possible design ideas.

• **Stewardship Committee**
  o Two members of the stewardship committee, J. McCleary and T. Macke, met with Aly Sterling for some training.
  o They asked about the right way to approach potential donors and when to stop bugging them, among other things.
  o J. McCleary presented a handout with The Community Foundations training and coaching sessions.

• **Community Advisory Council Committee**
  o The CAC committee had nothing to report.

• **Membership Committee**
  o The membership committee had nothing new.
  o It was mentioned that we must be sure to send a thank you note to Whirlpool.

• **Metrics Committee**
  o The metric committee had nothing to report.

**New Business**

• **Executive Session**
T. Macke motioned to go to executive session and J. McCleary seconded.
P. Martin and S. Myers left the room so that their contracts could be discussed.
After discussion, C. Kirchner motioned to approve P. Martins contract for 9 months and S. Myers for 3 months. J. Haselman seconded and it passed unanimously.

**Coordinators Report**

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group, he stated that items printed in green are new.
  - P. Martin discussed the 2018 Great Lakes Sediment & Nutrient reduction grant which is due March 26th.
  - Discussion was had about the size of the grant we should apply for, $200,000 or $30,000.
  - The board decided to apply for both with a different scope of reach for each.
  - S. Myers motioned to approve the applications, T. Macke seconded, and it passed unanimously.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm