

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2018, Findlay, OH
Hancock County Engineer's meeting room
6 - 8 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, E. Reynolds, J. McCleary, B. Antibus, D. Croy, B. Doyle, C. Kirchner

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

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- B. Doyle motioned to approve the March minutes and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Treasures report
 - P. Martin presented a treasurers report and went through it with the group.
 - Discussions were had about the report and B. Connour motioned to approve the treasurer's report. D. Croy seconded and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **5K Run fundraiser**
 - T. Macke, S. Myers, and J. Haselman have met to discuss the 5K run but as none were in attendance there was nothing to report.

New Business

- **GIS Software**
 - E. Reynolds said the GIS software has been totally revamped and that she is learning it. She also said that we are looking into potential grants to fund her for training on the software.
 - P. Martin said that most of what E. Reynolds does is for the 9 element plan and that we have \$10,000 from Freshwater Futures and \$10,000 from Heidelberg.
 - P. Martin said that we could invoice it and get it out of that money.
 - J. McCleary motioned to approve this and D. Croy seconded, it passed unanimously.

- **Potential Intern**
 - E. Reynolds said there will be a meeting with T. Amstutz about a possible internship. She is finishing her MS in conservation biology at the University of Wisconsin and needs a 320 hour internship.
 - We will meet to discuss what she could potentially do.
 - Discussions were had about this.

- **Board Of Director's Election**
 - Discussions were had about Board of Director's who election expire this year. D. Croy, J. McCleary and A. Downing all expire this year.
 - D. Croy and J. McCleary have agreed to run again, but we have not heard A. Downing.
 - J. McCleary mentioned that possible candidates could be Jesse Blackburn and Alice LaLone.
 - Other possible candidates mentioned were Jackie Johnson, Karen Oberst, and Heather Bryan.

- **Board Schedule of Evaluation**
 - Discussions were had about the board schedule of evaluation and a board succession plan.
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- **Advocacy Training**
 - J. McCleary presented a handout on advocacy and went through it with the group.
 - J. McCleary also talked about a handout from the Community Foundation. She reported that they said we are far along on advocacy.

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**
 - S. Myers was not present, but it was stated that they have met and and spoken with A. LaLone about coordinating a project on Boy Scout merit badges.
 - It was discussed that minutes must be taken at committee meetings and sent to the coordinator for distribution to the entire BOD ASAP after the meeting.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - No-one was present from the stewardship committee but they are planning on a 5K.

- **Board Governance**
 - Discussions had previously been had about the board governance committee.

- **Membership committee and Metrics Committee**
 - Neither committee has met since the March BOD meeting.

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 said the Tiderishi Creek NPS-IS nine element plan has been totally approved.
- P. Martin said that everything with the Heidelberg grant has been straightened out and that it is on track.
- P. Martin went through all active grants and those that will be applied for.
- D. Croy mentioned that he thought we were not going to proceed on one grant without the City of Findlay committing to it. E. Reynolds stated that we are writing plans and if it gets approved then the city can apply for funds.

Other Business

- D. Croy said that he and T. Macke did a demo about the BRWP with the Master Gardeners on April 7th in Ottawa.
 - D. Croy also mentioned that he taught several people how to make rain barrels.
 - P. Martin reminder everyone to keep track of their hours and how many people attended a presentation. Send the final totals to him.
 - E. Reynolds said that she is going to training on storm water management the 1st week of May for continuing education.
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- The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm