

**Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Watershed Partnership Annual Planning Session
Minutes - January 5, 2013, ODNR Office Findlay, OH
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: J. Loehrke, T. Allen, B. Connour, T. Brugeman, P. Martin, D. Kozlowski, J. McCleary, T. Elliott, A. Coburn-Griffis, M. Homsher, B. Antibus

T. Brugeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

T. Brugeman then gave an overview of the group and discussed the handouts provided.

T. Brugeman also went through and discussed the difference between the steering committee and board of directors.

Meeting schedules for 2013 were discussed with most people agreeing that 6 p.m. on Wednesday or Thursday would work best. It was decided the 4th Wednesday from 6-8pm would be the plan with locations to be determined.

D. Kozlowski gave the financial update.

D. Kozlowski stated that the budget is the same as was presented last month.

It was stated that 95% of the money is encumbered with only about a \$500 cash cushion.

D. Kozlowski discussed how the accounting firm will work, stating that they will directly report to him and us. There was some discussion about adding a fourth person who could sign checks. It was decided this should be discussed in the Executive committee meeting.

T. Brugeman talked briefly about the strategic plan and there were some minor discussions.

P. Martin went through each of our standing committees with the group and briefly discussed each one.

P. Martin also went through the grants that we have and those that we are looking into.

T. Brugeman introduced Ann Coburn-Griffis as one of the "Outreach Technical Specialists" that we have hired.

T. Brugeman introduced Dave Reese. D. Reese has been hired by the BRWP to serve as one of our "Outreach Technical Specialists" to meet with farmers concerning Best Management Practices available to the farm community.

T. Brugeman and P. Martin talked about the duties and options of the watershed coordinator. A motion was made by T. Elliott and seconded by J. McCleary to grant P. Martin additional Comp time. J. Loehrke stated this should become an amendment to his contract. It passed unanimously.

P. Martin presented several project proposals.

- Project Proposal 2013-1: A motion was made by J. Loehrke and seconded by T. Allen to award a prize at the Putnam county science fair. It was decided we will award 2 for \$25 each.
- Project proposal 2013-2: To rent space at the Greater Findlay Home Show on March 2 & 3 at the Findlay Village Mall. \$350.00 was asked for. B. Antibus moved and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.

- Project Proposal 2013-3: To allocate \$370 for space rental at the Allen, Hancock, Hardin, and Putnam County Fairs. A motion was made by B. Antibus and seconded by T. Allen. It passed unanimously.
- Project proposal 2013-4: \$200 to get our exhibits updated. J. Loehrke motioned, T. Elliott seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Project proposal 2013-5: \$90 to the Hancock Park District to sponsor prizes in the Hancock Park District - Watershed Division of the HPD photo contest. B. Antibus moved, J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 37am and followed by lunch.