

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership**  
**Annual Planning work session**  
**January 7, 2015, Findlay, OH**

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

BOD Present: T. Brugeman, B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Allen, D. Croy, T. Macke, R. Antibus, J. McCleary, E. Reynolds, Jeremiah Haselman, and D. Kozlowski

Ad Hoc Present: Elaine Reynolds and Bob Nichols

- P. Martin called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.
  - P. Martin introduced B. Nichols and E. Reynolds to the group.
  - T. Brugeman welcomed everyone and said our goal was to get through the agenda and lay out our goals for the year.
  - P. Martin went through the changes that have been made to the Leadership Handbook.
  
- Overview and some BRWP basics
  - T. Allen motioned to approve the minutes from 12/14/2015 meeting, and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - T. Brugeman went through the how the Board and Executive committee work.
  - P. Martin asked for a motion to approve the Executive committee to spend up to \$500 for items as needed. R. Antibus motioned, T. Macke seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - P. Martin went through the 2015 meeting schedule with the group.
  - T. Allen motioned to reaffirm our non-discrimination statement and D. Kozlowski seconded. It passed unanimously.
  
- BRWP financial update
  - P. Martin showed everyone the copies of the financial statements.
  - D. Kozlowski went through the profit and loss statements, discussing each item on the statements.
  - D. Croy motioned to accept the financial report and R. Antibus seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - D. Kozlowski stressed how we must get some funding as he went through the budget sheet with the group.
  - P. Martin said we have received \$2000 in general sponsorships.
  - P. Martin stated that G. Nageotte has requested coordinator funding for us and the Maumee River group from the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
  - T. Allen stated that we need to approach our local state representatives about our importance and the importance of funding for coordinators.
  
- Watershed coordinator comments
  - P. Martin asked about the possibility of inviting members from other communities to serve as ad hoc members of the board.
  - T. Brugeman said he would draft a letter to that effect.

- P. Martin presented a handout and talked about 2015 projects including: rain barrels, riverside dam, chemical testing, golf scramble, replanting of trees, river clean ups, county fairs, and macro invertebrate monitoring.
- T. Allen motioned to allow P. Martin to apply for a grant from Freshwater Futures for an Engineering Study on the sediment behind Riverside Dam. D. Kozlowski seconded and it passed unanimously.
- P. Martin stated that chemical testing training will occur on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-8.
- BRWP Strategic Plan
  - T. Brugeman talked about how it was completely updated last year and the fact that our bylaws require us to have a strategic plan.
  - Discussions were had about the Strategic Plan and how it functions.
- Our committees, directions for 2015
  - P. Martin discussed how the land use and resource management committee and waste water and water supply committees haven't ever really functioned.
  - P. Martin said the education/communications committee meets bi-monthly and that the next meeting is February 11.
  - The organization and development committee will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited.
- AR Marketing update
  - An update was given as to where we are with them and when meetings are.
  - We have money that must be spent in January, and suggestions on how to do so were taken.
- Daily operations
  - P. Martin urged everyone to please check and respond to emails.
- Project proposals
  - Details of the following will be filled in on a separate document by P. Martin
  - Proposal 2015-1 moved by R. Antibus, seconded by J. McCleary. Passed unanimously.
  - Proposal 2015-2 moved by T. Allen, seconded by R. Antibus. Passed unanimously.
  - Proposal 2015-3 moved by T. Macke, seconded by T. Allen. Passed unanimously.
  - Proposal 2015-4 moved by T. Allen, seconded by T. Macke. Passed unanimously.
  - Proposal 2015-5 moved by R. Antibus, seconded by T. Allen. Passed unanimously.
  - Proposal 2015-1 moved by T. Macke, seconded by D. Croy. Passed unanimously.
- Discussions
  - No further discussions were had.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.