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

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.


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 20th 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 18th 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 T. Macke, seconded by D. Croy. Passed unanimously.

- **Discussions**
  - No further discussions were had.

- **The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.**