

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting, Hancock County Engineer's meeting room
October 11, 2017, Findlay, OH 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

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

Welcome and Introduction

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by E. Reynolds.
- J. McCleary motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes and J. Haselman seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

- T. Macke presented a financial report and accompanying documents and went through them with the group. He stated that we are good at this time.
- Discussions were had about the financial report and how our current funding looks.
- D. Croy motioned to approve the report and C. Kirchner seconded. It passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee**
 - E. Reynolds said that the Executive committee had a short meeting where we learned about the Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. We are still waiting to hear about an office space at Owens.

- **Community Advisory Committee**
 - J. McCleary said that several board members are working on the Community Advisory Committee timeline and have come up with 4 goals which were outlined in a handout.
 - J. McCleary said they have two options, to have one more round of regional meetings or have representatives from all three groups together.
 - Discussions were had about everything the CAC group has accomplished.

- **Membership Committee**
 - D. Croy stated that the membership committee had nothing to report, and a meeting was scheduled for the following Monday.
 - T. Macke motioned to eliminate the "You Have a Stake" membership brochure and use the newer "We are the BRWP" brochure. B. Connour seconded and it passed unanimously.

- **Education Committee**
 - S. Myers said the education committee had not met and that we will schedule one immediately.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - T. Macke said that the Stewardship committee has a meeting scheduled for November.
- **Board Governance Committee**
 - J. McCleary stated that the board governance committee has been informed by J. Haselman and B. Doyle will run again for the board. Also, Amy Downing has agreed to serve as an at-large position on the board.
 - J. McCleary motioned to accept Amy Downing to the board as at-large #6. S. Myers seconded and it passed unanimously.
 - T. Macke motioned to approve the ballot for the annual meeting. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.
- **Metrics Committee**
 - E. Reynolds said that the metrics committee will also meet the next Monday.
 - Discussions were had about the metrics committee.

Old Business

- **Annual Meeting**
 - P. Martin said that setup for the annual meeting can occur after 4pm.
 - The annual meeting will be at 7am on November 8th.
 - Discussions were had about this, and people were asked to RSVP.
 - P. Martin suggested we invite Dr. Laura Johnson, director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University, to be our speaker.
 - P. Martin said that the Coordinators Award will be presented to Dr. D. Johnson, director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University.
 - Discussions were had about the “Friend of the River” award.
 - ✚ Dick Kozlowski suggested Coca Cola Bottling Company.
 - ✚ P. Martin asked that other suggested be sent to him and he would conduct an email vote.
 - Discussions were had about the membership table.
 - Discussions were had about voting and how it should be done

New Business

- **December Social / Christmas meeting**
 - Discussions were had about the annual Social/Christmas meeting and when to do it.
 - It was decided it will be on Monday December 4th at 5:30pm.
- **Strategic Plan Update**
 - J. McCleary said that she has went through the strategic plan and that we are making progress.

- **Blanchard River Watershed Solutions group**
 - E. Reynolds spoke about the new group called the Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. The group has formed because business leaders are not happy with the progress towards addressing flooding.

- **Coordinators Report**
 - P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - P. Martin said that we have 24 rain barrels entered in the 2018 Rain Barrel Decorating Contest. The barrels will be delivered by October 12, 2017.
 - P. Martin went reviewed all of the active grants.

- **Other Items**
 - E. Reynolds said that at Decembers meeting, we need to decide when to have meetings in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm