

Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting
October 15, 2014, Findlay, OH.
Hancock Engineer's Meeting room

Present: T. Brugeman, P. Martin, T. Allen, R. Kozlowski, B. Antibus, D. Croy, T. Elliott, J. McCleary, T. Macke

Guest: Jeremy Haselman

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 6.00pm by P. Martin

- T. Allen motioned to approve the agenda and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
- R. Kozlowski motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes and T. Elliott seconded. It passed unanimously.
- **Financial report-R. Kozlowski**
 - D. Kozlowski reviewed the finances and mention that our cash flow was fine at this point. He did mention that that ODNR had changed payments for the coordinator until the end of the quarter. At present, there is a deficit in the fund.
 - T. Elliott motioned to accept the treasurer's report and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
- T. Brugeman introduced Jeremy "Bud" Haselman. Bud is interested in running for the Board Spot to represent the Cranberry Creek watershed.
- **Coordinator's update-P. Martin**
 - P. Martin presented a handout with much information.
 - He said the Lye Creek Riparian Buffer project was on schedule with the killing of the old grass being done, the area tilled, and native grass sowed. The trees and bushes will be planted in late October.
 - P. Martin went through all the active grants with the group.
 - He said that water quality monitoring will took place the week of September 26-30.
 - He passed a copy of the school rain barrels entries. 25 barrels have been entered from 10 schools. That is an increase of 12 barrels over 2014.
 - P. Martin mentioned that the BRWP had received a \$93,470 grant from the USDA Division of Forestry GLRI grant. More details later.
 - P. Martin reviewed the Sierra Club's "The Ohio Water Sentinel Program". He mentioned that he had received 5 phone calls from people wanting to volunteer for the program. A second training session is being planned.
 - P. Martin asked to attend the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) meeting on November 18th. He mention there would be no cost to the BRWP

- **Old Business**

AR Marketing

- T. Brugeman reviewed the A&R marketing video project. The 1 minute short video, Remember Me - Blanchard River Watershed Partnership, has been released and can be view on facebook and the web site. The longer video is in production stage and should be ready by the annual meeting.
- P. Martin reviewed potential projects and how much is left in the AR Marketing budget. After much discussion, R. Kozlowski moved to allow the Marketing Committee decide had to spend the remaining money. T. Macke seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. It was decided not to move the rain barrel and gold scramble to the Community Foundation grant.
- P. Martin reviewed the direct mailing project and asked that each Board member email him the results of their call backs.
- Meetings with area officials are completed. The City of Findlay and the Hancock County Commissioners renewed for three years at \$5,000. The Putnam County Commissioners and the Village of Ottawa renewed for three years at \$1,000 The Village of Bluffton renewed for five years at \$1,000. The Allen County and Hardin County Commissioners decided not to monetary support

BOD Nominations

- R. Antibus reviewed the nominations for Board of Director's election for this year. T. Brugeman and J. McCleary have agreed to run for their position again. T. Elliott will not seek re-election. Jeremy Haselman has been nominating to the Cranberry Watershed representative position.

Annual Meeting

- P. Martin started an update of the Annual Meeting
 1. Dr. Larry Antosch, Ohio Farm Bureau, will be the speaker. He will talk on what the farm community is doing to fight the algal bloom problem in Lake Erie.
 2. J. McCleary will be in charge of decorations and set-up. P. Martin mentioned that set-up would start at 5:00 p.m. on November 18th.
 3. P. Martin will do the program
 4. T. Allen, D. Croy, T. Brugeman, and B. Connour are in charge of food and drinks.
 5. P. Martin presented Project Proposal 2014-9 for \$400 to cover Annual Meeting cost. T. Elliott move to approve, J. McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously
 6. The Board chose the awards for this year. The awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

- **New Business**

- **2015 Budget**

- T. Brugeman said that R. Kozlowski, T. Macke, P. Martin, and he would meet to put together a budget for the 2015. He noted that with the uncertainty in funding for the coordinator's position for the second half of 2015, the budget will be in two parts.

- **Coordinator's Funding**

- P. Martin reviewed a phone call he had with Greg Nageotte from the ODNR. He said that Nageotte said the all the money for a position would come from money mandated to Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) fund. In order for the Blanchard River Watershed coordinator's position to be funded, the position would need to be a part of a local SWCD. The Board agreed to meet with the Putnam SWCD on October 28th to discuss the matter.

- **Annual Planning Meeting**

- After discussion it was decided to conduct an email vote on whether to hold the 2015 planning meeting on Wednesday, January 7th from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. or on Saturday, January 10th from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m.

- **President's report**

- T. Brugeman reported that the December social meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 10th at Jan Mc Cleary's home.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8pm