

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors meeting  
October 16, 2013, Findlay, OH**

Tim Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

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

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 6:03 by T. Brugeman

- Approval of the agenda passed unanimously.
- Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski gave a short financial report.
  - He stated that everything is in order and nothing is overspent.
  - Discussions were had about the budget.
  - J. McCleary moved to approve the financial report, T. Allen seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
- Old business
  - T. Brugeman presented an update from AR marketing.
  - They have provided him with a report of the things that are completed and those that are on hold.
  - It was mentioned that there are a few issues with the website.
  - It was discussed that the corporate brochure will go out in the next several days.
  - We will continue with our billboards.
  - Discussions with AR are still underway about a powerpoint presentation.
  - It was decided to proceed with the powerpoint program and a new newsletter format.
  - J. McCleary presented a handout with some details for the annual meeting.
  - The meeting will be at Brugeman Lodge on November 19, 2013.
  - Project proposal 2013-13 was presented to pay for the expenses. Sixty percent will come from the Community Foundation grant and 40 percent from the BRWP \$5000 match. T. Allen motioned to approve and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - P. Martin presented project proposal 2013-12 for \$100 to pay for plaques for awards at the annual meeting. T. Elliott motioned to approve, D. Croy seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - Project proposal 2013-14 was presented for \$400 to pay for additional expenses at the annual meeting. T. Allen motioned to approve, T. Elliott seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - There will be a “Friend of the River” and “Coordinator’s Award” given. Discussions were had about who should receive these awards.

- T. Allen moved to present the “Friend of the River” award to the Community Foundation. T. Elliott seconded and it passed unanimously.
  - Discussions were had about the RainBbarrel project. There will be a sponsorship drive.
  - They will be displayed again next year at the Findlay mall during the Greater Findlay HomeSshow.
  - A lesson plan for the high schools has been completed and delivered to all the area high schools.
  - The education committee will consider having a competition at the adult art league event. Putnam County also has an art festival we should look into.
  - The river clean up with Marathon was discussed. Six Marathon volunteers showed up.
  - Two logjams were removed in Howard Run.
- New Business
    - The annual planning meeting is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - The date for the December social meeting is TBD.
    - Discussions were had about fundraising.
    - The possibility of a music event, food event, or golf outing were all discussed.
    - The board was asked to commit to raising \$10,000 for hole sponsors.
- Coordinators comments
    - P. Martin presented a handout which he went through with the group.
    - There were discussions on grants and what they will entail.
- Presidents report
    - T. Brugeman filled the group in about other activities and had a handout for the group.
    - The three executive board volunteers whose terms will expire have agreed to run for an additional term.
    - A recommendation for changes to the By-laws was made. It was decided that no changes in the By-Laws were needed at this time.