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

Tim Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.


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 RainBarrel project. There will be a sponsorship drive.
- They will be displayed again next year at the Findlay mall during the Greater Findlay HomeShow.
- 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 4th.
  - 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.