

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership**  
**Board of Directors meeting**  
**February 19, 2014, Findlay, OH**

T. Allen presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Elliott, J. McCleary, T. Allen, D. Croy, T. Macke, R. Antibus, E. Reynolds

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by T. Allen

- T. Elliott motioned to approve the agenda and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
- D. Croy motioned to approve the minutes and T. Elliott seconded. It passed unanimously.
- P. Martin gave a short financial report.
  - T. Elliott motioned to approve the report and J. McCleary seconded. It was approved unanimously.
- Coordinators comments
  - P. Martin provided the group with a handout.
  - He went through all of our active grants and told everyone that none are pending.
  - Discussions were had about riparian buffer areas.
- Old business
  - P. Martin filled the group in on golf scramble updates.
  - Discussions were had about recruiting sponsors and each member of the board was presented with sponsorship forms that can be given out.
  - Discussions were had about sponsors and prizes for the participants.
  - Purchasing personalized golf was talked about. Dicks sporting goods will donate a free dozen for every 3 dozen purchased.
  - D. Croy motioned to purchase golf balls with the BRWP logo and R. Antibus seconded. It was approved unanimously.
  - The group was asked to procure items for door prizes.
  - P. Martin provided updates on the Rain Barrel Decorating Contest project.
  - The Rain Barrels will be dropped off on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and set up for the Greater Findlay Home Show. They will remain on display until Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The signup sheet to work at the booth was passed around.
  - P. Martin provided the group with an updated copy of the Strategic Plan to be placed in their Leadership Handbook.
  - The result of the email vote on the BGSU project was 7-0 to do project number 1 which involves surveying the corporation / businesses we sent mail to last fall.
  - T. Macke and P. Martin went through this with the group and it was discussed.

- New Business
  - P. Martin gave the group a copy of the 2014 A&R Marketing agenda including a report and budget.
  - Discussions were had about this plan as well as future projects.
  - The group talked about having a 3-5 minute video made that could be used.
  - It was discussed to perhaps do a direct mailing fundraiser in August or September.
  - P. Martin went through the entire marketing report.
  - T. Elliott motioned to allow P. Martin to select billboards using our existing art. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.
  - R. Antibus motioned to adopt the AR Marketing plan for the BRWP as presented and allow decisions to be made by the marketing committee. J. McCleary seconded and it was approved unanimously.
  - T. Elliott motioned to approve the Great Lakes Basin grant contracts with farmers.
  - J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.
  - R. Antibus motioned to approve the 2013 Great Lakes mini grant and T. Macke seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - T. Macke motioned to have a river clean up in Ottawa on April 26<sup>th</sup> with no rain date. T. Elliott seconded and it was approved unanimously.
  - P. Martin told the group he has signed us up for “Volunteer Hancock County” so that we can list events.
  - P. Martin told everyone that he has talked with D. Reese about working on Lye Creek. His hours must be approved by the Hancock SWCD.
  - Discussions were had about this and how D. Reese is funded.
  - J. McCleary motioned to allow the Executive committee to modify or terminate and reissue a new contract to D. Reese. T. Elliott seconded and it was passed unanimously.
  - J. McCleary explained to the group about “Nashville Now”.
  - There is no upfront cost to us and we would receive 75% of the profit. The publicity materials sell it.
  - Discussions were had about the possibility of this.
  - The email vote to allow P. Martin to be on the regional planning committee was 6-0.
  
- Presidents report
  - Vice President T. Allen provided this as President T. Brugeman was unable to attend.
  - T. Allen presented a handout T. Brugeman had prepared which had several topics including fundraising and the regional planning committee.
  
- Discussions
  - T. Macke said that Ottawa is starting a Rain Barrel rebate program which will provide a \$20 per rain barrel up to \$600 total.
  - T. Elliott read a thank you note from the winners of the Putnam county science fair.
  
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.