

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting, Hancock County Engineer's meeting rm.
March 1, 2016, 6-8 p.m.**

T. Allen, President presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: T. Allen, B. Connour, T. Macke, D. Croy, R. Antibus, T. Brugeman, P. Martin, J. McCleary, G. Russell, C. Kirchner

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by T. Allen.

- T. Macke motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes and T. Brugeman seconded. It passed unanimously.
- T. Macke presented a financial report and accompanying documents and went through them with the group.
 - ✓ T. Macke mentioned that we need to discuss if we are going to reimburse the coordinator for mileage, and he recommended that we do so once per quarter depending on the availability of funding.
 - ✓ T. Brugeman motioned pay travel mileage reimbursement to the watershed coordinator or sooner if available. R. Antibus seconded.
 - ✓ Discussion followed and some questions concerning the process were asked and answered.
 - ✓ The motion was amended to pay mileage reimbursement quarterly with board approval. This was moved by T. Brugeman and seconded by R. Antibus. It passed unanimously.
 - ✓ R. Antibus motioned to approve the treasurer's report and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Old business
 - **Plan B for funding**
 - ✓ P. Martin said that G. Nageotte has contacted him said there would be \$25,000 guaranteed for 2016-17 which is \$5000 less than 2015-16. Martin said he had completed the needed materials for Nageotte.
 - ✓ P. Martin said we are applying for other grants and if we get the healthy watershed grant for \$120,000. If awarded, we would not need the \$25,000.
 - **Rain Barrel Contest**
 - ✓ P. Martin reviewed the plans for the Contest to be held on March 5-6th at the Findlay Village Mall. He mentioned there may be a need to rent some tables for extra displays.
 - ✓ Discussions were had about the set-up and a volunteer sheet was passed around.

- **Community Advisory Committee**
 - ✓ J. McCleary presented a couple of handouts and talked about this.
 - ✓ We are working to find people to serve on this and meet a couple of times a year.
- **Watershed coordinator work plan update**
 - ✓ P. Martin is working on this and making good progress. He said the plan should be done by June 1st.
 - ✓ T. Allen reviewed what all it entails.
- **2016 priority projects**
 - ✓ T. Allen talked about this and how we must discuss this and figure out our priorities.
- **Committees**
 - ✓ B. Connour, J. McCleary and D. Croy agreed to serve working on membership and funding and T. Brugeman agreed to work on the community advisory committee.
 - ✓ T. Allen mentioned that BOD members need to consider signing up to chair or co-chair committees.
- **New business**
 - **New Board Members**
 - ✓ T. Allen talked about how we need to officially approve the new board members. A specific procedure needs to be approved.
 - ✓ Grant Russel, City of Findlay and Chad Kirchner has accepted the invitation to be on the Board of Directors. B. Connour motioned to accept the 2 new board members and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
 - ✓ Any updates for other BOD/community advisory council membership
 - ✓ D. Croy said he has not had an opportunity to meet with 1 contact yet.
 - ✓ J. McCleary talked about the need to increase the board size. This was discussed, our board is currently at 12 but we would like to have 15.
 - **Watershed report card**
 - ✓ T. Allen talked about this and how we are hoping to update it if there is enough data.
 - ✓ P. Martin said he would not have time to review the data until April. Discussion was held and it what suggested that the committee meet in early April and decide if there is enough information available. A meeting with Bre Hohman from the Erie SWCD may be held. Martin said he would contact her to check on a possible meeting.
 - **Marathon cleanup opportunity**
 - ✓ A group of Environmental people from Marathon Petroleum Company is meeting at Owens CC on April 18, 2016. They would like to do a 1-2 hour clean-up along the river from 4-6pm.
 - ✓ E. Reynolds, P Reynolds and P. Martin have scouted the river and suggested that the group meet at the Cooper Field parking lot off Broad Ave. Trash will be picked up between Liberty Street dam and County Road 140.

- **Board of Director's Meeting location**
 - ✓ T. Brugeman motioned that we move future meetings to the city building in the 3rd floor meeting room. T. Macke seconded and it passed unanimously.
- **Project Proposals**
 - ✓ P. Martin present two Project Proposals
 1. Hardin county fair Project proposal #2016-8 to set aside \$200 to rent a space in the building. J. McCleary motioned, T. Brugeman seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 2. Project proposal #2016-9 to purchase an ODNR required Wildlife Collection permit for \$25. The permit is required for our macroinvertebrate water quality monitoring. R. Antibus motioned and T. Brugeman seconded. It passed unanimously.
- **Coordinators comments**
 - ✓ P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - ✓ P. Martin reviewed all active, potential, and ending grants.
 - ✓ T. Brugeman motioned to allow P. Martin to apply for funds for Great Lakes Basin grant and to sign on our behalf. T. Macke seconded and it passed unanimously.
 - ✓ P. Martin mentioned that he would be writing a Great Lakes Basin grant for the HSWCD and the PSWCD.
 - ✓ T. Brugeman motioned to approve contracts with R. Badertsher, D. Bower, and D. Dukes for WS05-14-11. B. Antibus seconded and it passed unanimously.
- **Announcements**
 - T. Allen said some board members are meeting with Aly Sterling on 3/9/16 at 9am.
 - T. Macke said that Ottawa has extended their commitment for one more year.
 - J. McCleary motioned to adjourn and T. Allen seconded. It passed unanimously.