

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting April 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Hancock County Engineer's Meeting Room Findlay, OH.**

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

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

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by T. Brugeman.
- A motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski gave a financial report including profit and loss statements. T. Elliott moved to approve the financial report, T. Allen seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Old Business

- T. Brugeman presented an update from AR Marketing.
- The group was filled in on the upcoming newspaper insert which will go out sometime in May.
- T. Allen motioned to go forward with the newspaper insert and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.
- T. Brugeman filled the group in on what AR Marketing will be doing for us with updating our webpage.
- D. Croy motioned to have AR Marketing provide us a template for letterhead, news releases, and envelopes. T. Allen seconded and it passed unanimously.
- T. Brugeman talked about our need for new displays for county fairs and other events that feature our new graphics.
- T. Brugeman also talked about our need for packets and talking points when we approach corporate sponsors.
- P. Martin talked about the rain barrel project.
- Eighteen barrels are entered and there are 10 sponsors. Each sponsor will be recognized on a metal name plate.
- They will be on display from April 24 to May 4th. P. Martin went through the judging process with the group.
- T. Allen motioned to make the price on any extra rain barrels \$35 for anyone. B. Antibus seconded and it passed unanimously.
- Discussions were had about the river clean up in Ottawa on April 20 and how it depends on the weather. T. Macke told everyone that the local media had been notified.

New Business

- P. Martin talked about the problems that cigarette butts cause.
- P. Martin said that Ohio Northern University has asked us for dates when we can get some people to help with collecting water on Riley creek for chemical testing. He said that some people will be collecting water this following weekend.

- P. Martin stated that on 5-21-13 Texas Roadhouse will have a 10% donation night for us.
- P. Martin said he has been to some of the meetings for the Maumee Council of Governmental Agencies. This group has been told they should work with watershed groups. He said he was going to a meeting of this group in Fort Wayne, IN tomorrow (4-18-13).

Coordinator's comments

- P. Martin reviewed the Coordinator's Comments. See Attachment A
There were discussions on grants and what they will entail.

President's report

- T. Brugeman filled the group in about what we will be discussing at the Executive Committee meeting next month on 5-15-13.
- He also asked everyone to send their comments to him regarding P. Martin as he has his annual evaluation next month.

Discussions

- T. Allen asked if we could pass the mileage and in kind sheet around at the beginning of every meeting.
- P. Martin asked that people let him know if they are going to be gone for an extended period.
- A. Coburn-Griffis has asked the group if they would come to her property for a cookout.
- P. Martin asked everyone to make sure they pay their membership.

D. Kozlowski motioned to adjourn and J. McCleary seconded. It was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.