

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting, City of Findlay meeting room
April 5, 2016, Findlay, OH**

D. Croy presiding, Bob Connour recording.

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

Absent: T. Allen due to death in the family and Jeremiah Haselman, business

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by D. Croy.

- Roll call was taken and J. McCleary motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes. T. Brugeman seconded and it passed unanimously.
- T. Macke presented a treasurer's report and accompanying documents and went through them with the group.
 - The rain barrel income and other accounts were discussed.
 - After some discussion it was decided that motions are not needed to make money transfers for reimbursements.
 - Discussions were had about how records are kept when we transfer monies between different accounts. It was suggested that transfers be on the treasurer's report so they can be approved with the report
 - J. McCleary motioned to approve the treasurer's report and E. Reynolds seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Old business
 - P. Martin said he is still getting great comments about the rain barrel contest.
 - P. Martin said that he still has 4 barrels at home and that one of them is not purchased.
 - P. Martin said he received a call from someone at Lowe's because they had been asked for information on purchasing rain barrels. This led to discussion of whether we should get into selling rain barrels. It was decided that we would not get involved in selling rain barrels.
 - J. McCleary talked briefly about the Findlay Home Show and the activities that we had set up.
 - D. Croy said that he had spoken with someone who may be interested in serving on the advisory board.
 - Discussions were had about this and how to get new board members.
 - B. Connour motioned to approve Judy Augsburger, representing the Village of Bluffton, to the Board of Directors. J. McCleary approved and it passed unanimously.
 - T. Brugeman motioned to approve Bill Doyle, University of Findlay, to the Board of Directors. E. Reynolds seconded and it passed unanimously.
 - E. Reynolds said that the only current Education and Outreach committee work has been the rain barrel program.

- New business
 - It was reported that J. McCleary, T. Brugeman and T. Allen all met with Aly Sterling.
 - ✚ During this meeting they talked about forming an advisory council whose purpose is to find out needs and concerns. Aly Sterling said we need an Ambassador for this.
 - A handout was provided with information about the next steps for the advisory council and the stewardship committee. Discussion was held.
 - J. McCleary asked the group what everyone thought about the “New board member application”. This was discussed and will topic will be look at again at a future time.
 - E. Reynolds made a motion that we rename the Fundraising committee to the Stewardship Committee. D. Kozlowski seconded and it passed unanimously.
 - E. Reynolds talked about the upcoming Marathon river cleanup.
 - ✚ It will involve about 50 people and board members are encouraged to attend.
 - ✚ The clean-up is scheduled for April 19, 2016 from 4 - 6 p.m. Those who can attend will meet at Cooper field across from Rawson Park on Broad Avenue in Findlay.
 - Discussion was had about the use of the BRWP’s pop up tent.
 - ✚ It has only been used twice and the question was asked if we should or could rent or loan it for different community events as a PR item.
 - ✚ It was decided the Education and Outreach committee would discuss this.
 - D. Kozlowski asked if we should consider the Hancock Park Districts canoe programs as a board building experience. It was discussed that this may be a good exercise, and he said he would forward information to the board.

- Coordinators comments
 - P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - P. Martin talked about all active, potential, and ending grants.
 - P. Martin said that new monitoring stations have been put in the river by the National Water Quality Research Center at Heidelberg College. Data has started to be collected.
 - P. Martin asked the board to approve a contract with J. Bosse as part of the WS05-14-11 grant. B. Antibus motioned and J. McCleary seconded. It was approved unanimously.

- Announcements
 - T. Brugeman said that he will contact B. Doyle and let him know he is on the board.
 - B. Antibus said that he would contact J. Augsburger and let her know she is on the board.
 - J. McCleary motioned to pay P. Martin for mileage and C. Kirchner seconded. It passed unanimously.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm, and the next meeting will be May 3rd, 2016 at 6 pm.