Minutes of the Blanchard River
Watershed Partnership Steering Committee
May 19, 2011, Bluffton, OH

Sarah Lehman and Phil Martin presiding, Bob Connour recording.
Present: L. Schroeder, B. Antibus, B. Connour, P. Martin, S. Lehman

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Phil Martin

1. Phil Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda.

2. Discussions were had regarding Bluffton and the Riley creek watershed.
   o Bob Antibus stated that there is a service day for the Bluffton University students when they return in the fall.
   o It was stated that the stream observation walks on the Riley cannot start yet due to high water. There are still 15 sections that need walked.

3. Treasurers report
   o Phil Martin reported on grants that we have received and went through the balance sheet.
   o Bob Antibus motioned to accept the treasurers report, Leo Schroeder seconded. It passed unanimously.

4. Coordinator comments
   o Phil Martin presented a handout.
   o Phil reported that we have the first fully approved watershed action plan in the western Lake Erie basin.
   o Phil reported on numerous meetings he has been to throughout the state.
   o He also discussed the project where we are looking at the septic systems in Houcktown and how that relates to the 319 grant.
   o Phil went through the fact sheet for Riley Creek.

5. Presidents report
   o Tim Brugeman was not present but did send a report for the archives.

6. Committee reports
   o Phil mentioned that the education committee is meeting on the May 24th.

7. Old business
   o The importance of keeping records of gifts in kind was discussed.
8. New business

- An appropriation proposal was made for the county fairs.
- Sarah Lehman motioned, Bob Antibus seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Discussions were had about potential speakers for the annual meeting. Since it is on a Thursday it will probably be at 7pm.
- Discussions were held about projects for implementation under the WAP.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm