

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 6:01p.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.
 - Bob Antibus stated that there is a service day for the Bluffton University students when they return in the fall.
 - 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
 - Phil Martin reported on grants that we have received and went through the balance sheet.
 - Bob Antibus motioned to accept the treasurers report, Leo Schroeder seconded. It passed unanimously.
4. Coordinator comments
 - Phil Martin presented a handout.
 - Phil reported that we have the first fully approved watershed action plan in the western Lake Erie basin.
 - Phil reported on numerous meetings he has been to throughout the state.
 - He also discussed the project where we are looking at the septic systems in Houcktown and how that relates to the 319 grant.
 - Phil went through the fact sheet for Riley Creek.
5. Presidents report
 - Tim Brugeman was not present but did send a report for the archives.
6. Committee reports
 - Phil mentioned that the education committee is meeting on the May 24th.
7. Old business
 - 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