

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors meeting at Hancock County Engineer's  
on June 18, 2014, from 6-8p.m. in Findlay, OH**

Present: T. Brugeman, B. Connour, P. Martin, T. Allen, D. Croy, D. Kozlowski, R. Antibus, T. Elliott

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 6:08 by T. Brugeman

**Agenda and Minutes**

- The agenda was approved unanimously.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

- D. Kozlowski presented a financial report.
- He stated that we are on budget for all accounts.
- T. Brugeman asked about the income from the golf outing. The estimate as of the meeting is an income of \$4200 and expenses of \$2300.
- P. Martin said we have received a check for \$22,000 from the Great Lakes Commission.

**Coordinator's Update - P. Martin**

- P. Martin provided the group with a handout.
- He said more acres have been enrolled in the Lower Riley watershed using grant money.
- Martin mentioned that Water Quality monitoring is set for June 26-30. Volunteers are needed.
- He told the group that he will be giving a talk at the Bluffton public library on July 17.
- T. Allen asked how much the 319 grant could be and P. Martin answered that each could be up to \$300,000.

**Old Business**

***Golf Scramble***

- Martin mentioned there are 6 dozen golf balls left over from the golf scramble and we will sell them for \$28 a dozen.
- Martin said that we had great comments from the golfers.
- T. Allen motioned to have the golf scramble again in 2015 and D. Kozlowski seconded. It passed unanimously.

**AR marketing update.**

- Martin informed the group that Lammer's Advertisement is doing a special \$1000 package for us who will include a nonprofit site in July, a regular site in August, and 2 weeks on a digital billboard.
- Several members have met multiple times with AR Marketing concerning a video and what needs to be included. The goal is to have a video ready for this fall.

- The education committee proposed that we purchase magnets in the shape of Ohio with our logo on them. T. Elliott motioned to spend \$500 on these magnets, T. Allen seconded and it passed unanimously.
- T. Brugeman talked about a direct mail that we will conduct in July.

### **New business**

- It was stated that the rain garden at the Family Center is in need of maintenance as it is very bad shape.
- Fundraising discussions were held and P. Martin said he has had many conversations with people about Nashville Hitmakers.
  - He presented a handout to the group with proposed committees for if we move forward and stated we need to make a commitment by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Discussions were had about how involved the process is and how it may be too much for us to handle.
  - P. Martin said he would set up a meeting with the people from WKXA to talk about it.
- D. Kozlowski asked if the group would be interested in a 1.5 hour webinar on July 10 which would contain information to be used in our direct mailing.
- T. Brugeman motioned to approve \$79 for the webinar and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski presented information on Met soft foundation search and discussions were had about it.
- P. Martin said that we will be sending letters to all city council members in Findlay, Ottawa, and Bluffton and county commissioners in all counties. The letter will ask them for 30 minutes of their time to speak with them about who we are and what we do.
- P. Martin presented Project Proposal 2014-8 to cover registration for the OWLS meeting. T. Allen motioned, R. Antibus seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Jane and Elaine had a brainstorm project involving Elaine using her GIS knowledge to make updates to our website. P. Martin presented a handout containing 9 items regarding this and discussions were had about it.

### **President's Report.**

- T. Brugeman said that P. Martins contract expires at the end of June and that the Executive Board has reviewed everything with him and our main concern is funding.
- A new contract has been drafted with a clause added stating "subject to changes due to funding".
- B. Connour motioned to extend a new contract to P. Martin starting on 7/1/14 and T. Elliott seconded. It passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski stated that he would like a replacement for Treasurer and that T. Macke has said he will do it. Dick and Tim M will work together on a transition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm