

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors meeting - Hancock County Engineer's meeting room  
July 8, 2015, Findlay, OH  
5-7 p.m.**

T. Brugeman presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: T. Brugeman, B. Connour, P. Martin, J. McCleary, D. Croy, T. Allen, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds, B. Nichols, T. Macke, B. Antibus, J. Hasselman

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 5:01 by T. Brugeman

- The agenda and April meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Financial report - Tim Macke**
  - It appears the Community Foundation still has a balance; he is trying to figure that out.
  - Golf outing income was \$3,860.54. Minus expenses it was \$2847.84.
  - T. Allen said she received a check for \$100 from someone who could not attend.
  - Discussions were had about the golf outing and advertisement.
  - In the future nothing will be paid for with cash, it is not good for bookkeeping.
  - Overall the organization has about \$35,000 right now.
  - Starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, P. Martins salary will be \$3500 per month since we have received a grant.
  - We thank Ridge and Associates but are now done using them. T. Macke will issue all checks.
  - T. Allen moved to approve the financial report, D. Croy seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
- **Coordinators comments**
  - P. Martin presented a handout and went through all active grants.
  - T. Allen motioned to accept P. Martins report, close out the 3 year coordinator grant, and thank ODNR for it. T. Macke seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - P. Martin said that Russ Gibson from Ohio EPA wants to start a NW Ohio coordinator resource center and get a 319 grant to do it.
  - It would have to go through a 501c3 and we are the only group that is currently.
  - He has asked P. Martin if our board would approve him to sign a 319 assuming they want something that falls within our mission.
  - T. Allen motioned to show interest in this project including possibly serving as the fiscal agent. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**
  - The golf scramble material has been turned back over to the committee to finalize everything.
  - Discussions were had about whether we want to get into the selling of rain barrels. It was decided not now, but it's not impossible for the future.
  - The rain barrel committee will discuss it and report in August.
  
- **New Business**
  - It was discussed that the coordinators contract is in effect for one month and until the next contract takes effect.
  - This was discussed so everyone knows how it will work.
  - T. Allen made a motion to authorize the approval of a contract worked out by T. Brugeman, Tim Macke, and P. Martin, subject to review by the board, and that we will reimburse the coordinators mileage for the contract period as funds become available. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.
  - J. McCleary and E. Reynolds have spent a considerable amount of time working on leadership and fundraising. J. McCleary spoke to the work they have done and presented a handout. She said our board is dedicated but small.
  - She stated that a typical organization of our size has a board of 15.
  - J. McCleary and E. Reynolds proposed that we form a board governance committee to put together a plan to be presented to the board.
  - B. Connour motioned to authorize creating said committee, T. Macke seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - It was unanimously agreed to not rent out our tent for other functions.
  - B. Connour, D. Croy, J. McCleary, and T. Allen all volunteered to help with the annual meeting.
  - The annual meeting will be Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7am.
  
- **President's report**
  - T. Brugeman said that he met with Steve Wilson and the new county deputy engineer.
  
- **Ad Hoc member's report**
  - E. Reynolds said she has posted a new map on the website.
  
- **Discussions**
  - There were none
  
- T. Allen motioned to adjourn and T. Macke seconded. It was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.