

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting - Dan Croy's Cabin on the Auglaize River
August 19, 2015, Defiance, OH
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Tim Brugeman presiding and Phil Martin recording.

Present: T. Brugeman, P. Martin, J. McCleary, D. Croy, T. Allen, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds, T. Macke, and R. Antibus

Quest: JoAnne Antibus, Dick McCleary, Phyllis Macke, and William Allen

This meeting included a social barbeque meal starting at 5:30 p.m.

T. Brugeman called the business meeting to order at 6:35.

- T. Brugeman reviewed the agenda. Agenda was approved by voice vote.
- T. Brugeman presented the July 8, 2015 meeting minutes. P. Martin noted the J. Hasselman was spelled wrong and he had corrected the error. T. Macke moved to accept the minutes. J. McCleary offered a second and the motion passed.
- **Financial report - Tim Macke**
 - T. Macke reviewed the financial report. He noted that this is the first one he has completed using the Quick books software that was purchased.
 - D. Kozlowski suggested that we close-out categories that are only one year, such Rain Barrel and Golf Scramble, and transfer the money to other categories. T. Macke stated they he was going to suggest doing this practice. After some discussion, T. Macke moved and D. Croy offered a second to close these types of categories when they are finished for the year. Motion passed.
 - J. McCleary moved to accept the financial report as presented. T. Brugeman offered the second and the motion passed.
- **Coordinators comments (See attachment A)**
 - P. Martin presented a handout and went through all active grants. He told the BOD that he would put an informational sheet together of all the grants we are involved with showing the relevant information. T Allen asked that Martin keep the BOD informed of money earned from the grants for the BRWP. Martin said he would and it would also show in the financial report.
 - P. Martin discuss two 319 grants that he wrote for the HSWCD and the PSWCD. Each grant was submitted by the Soil & Water Conservation District on August 14, 2015. The HSWCD grant was for \$262,319 for using BMPs in the Brights Ditch watershed to control sediment and nutrient loadings. The PSWCD grant was for \$404,303 for using BMPs in the Deer Creek-Blanchard River watershed to control sediment and nutrient loadings.

- P. Martin discussed a \$150,000.00 grant from the Ohio EPA for repairing/replacing failing HSTS for low income families in Hancock County. The grant will be submitted through the Hancock County Commissioners.
- P. Martin informed the BOD that an income survey was being conducted in the Village of Houcktown. The survey is needed to obtain funding for any project to handle the failing HSTS problem. The Hancock County Commissioners, the Hancock Board of Health, the Jackson Township Trustees, and the BRWP are partners on the project.
- P. Martin informed the group the Assessment Study on how to handle the sediment load behind Riverside Dam has been approved with the City of Findlay taking the lead. The City of Findlay and the Hancock County Commissioners will split the \$15,000 cost. The BRWP has been asked to supply any data that we have on the problem.
- P. Martin noted that fall water quality monitoring is planned for September 21st and 22nd.

- **Old Business**

- T. Brugeman reviewed the committees for the Annual Meeting. The committees are: Program - P. Martin, Decorations - J. McCleary, Set-up - T. Allen, and Beverages - T. Brugeman and Food - D. Croy. P. Martin said he would send an email to the BOD asking for volunteers to work with each committee.
- T. Brugeman presented the idea of inviting people from businesses, government agencies and other stakeholders that we would like to be a part of an Advisory Committee to the annual meeting. T. Allen mentioned that she had used an advisory committee before and found it was very valuable. After additional discussion, it was decided to invite potential members of an Advisory Committee to the annual meeting. A portion of the meeting will be informing the invitees of the Advisory Committee.

- **New Business**

- P. Martin presented a recommendation for the 2016 Rain Barrel Contest. Since we had 25 barrels in 2015, he suggested that we divide the barrels into three categories: Watershed Theme, Agricultural Theme and General Theme. He suggested the following prize structure for each category: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75.00, 3rd place - \$50.00, 4th place - \$30.00 and 5th place - \$20.00. There will also be a "People's Choice Award" based on voting by general public during the "Home Show." There will be a \$50.00 prize for the "People's Choice Award." Jane McCleary moved to support the 2016 Rain Barrel Decorating Contest with the new options as outlined by Martin. T. Macke offered a second and the motion passed.
- J. McCleary presented an update of the work being done by the committee to form the Board Governance. McCleary reviewed the results of the Board survey that was conducted. She presented a synopsis of the self-evaluation and priority areas. Many positive comments were made by board members.

- **President's report**
 - No Report
- **Project Proposals**
 - P. Martin presented Project Proposal 2015-11 for the registration fee for the OWLS Leadership conference. R. Antibus moved and T. Macke offered the second. The motion passed
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- **Ad Hoc member's report**
 - No Report
- **Discussions**
 - There were none
- R. Antibus moved to adjourn and T. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.