

## Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership

### Board of Directors meeting

August 20, 2014, Findlay, OH

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

Everyone convened and the meeting was called to order at 6.00pm by P. Martin

- T. Elliott motioned to approve the agenda and D. Croy seconded. It passed unanimously.
- D. Kozlowski motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes and T. Allen seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Financial report-D. Kozlowski
  - D. Kozlowski said that the financial report he was presenting is through July 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - There was a net profit of \$513.39 from the golf outing. This was discussed.
  - D. Kozlowski said that advertising moneys and all future marketing items will be charged to the community foundation awareness grant where possible.
  - T. Elliott motioned to accept the treasurer's report and T. Brugeman seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Coordinators update-P. Martin
  - P. Martin presented a handout with much information.
  - He said the Lye creek riparian buffer project contract has been signed. It will pay P. Martin \$1000 for 50 hours. This was discussed.
  - P. Martin went through all the active grants with the group.
  - He said that water quality monitoring will take place the week of September 26-30.
  - He said that the rain barrels will be out by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - At the request of a sponsor, the rain barrel sponsorship levels will be changed to: \$250 for 1 barrel, \$400 for 2 barrels, and \$500 for 3 barrels.
  - P. Martin asked the board to cover his mileage to the farm science show. T. Allen motioned, T. Elliott seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Old Business
  - A&R marketing video is coming together quickly, including a 1 minute short.
  - The billboards are up.
  - The video will be premiered at the annual meeting.
  - Discussions were had about the direct mailing and phone calls for sponsorship.
  - P. Martin presented the direct mailing list and asked for input for other potential additions to it.
  - Discussions were had about how this will work. Phone calls will follow up the direct mailing.

- Meetings with area officials are completed. Meetings were conducted with everyone who has funded us before and 2 who have not.
  - We asked for money and continued support as well as a support letter we can use when applying for grants.
  - Discussions were had about this.
  - It was mentioned that the rain garden has been maintained and looks much better,
- New Business
    - Discussions were had about the annual meeting. Such as should it be in the morning or evening and should we have breakfast.
    - Discussions were had and it was agreed morning was good.
    - Discussions centered around having the meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning with a lighter breakfast. It will be at the Ag Center on county road 140 at 7:30am.
    - P. Martin talked with Ann Keefe from the Sierra Club about water chemical testing.
    - This will work with volunteers who will sign out a bag containing all the necessary items for testing.
    - A. Keefe would like to have testing for 10-15 people.
    - P. Martin asked the board to agree to the program with Sierra Club.
    - B. Antibus motioned to approve, T. Allen seconded, and it passed unanimously.
    - P. Martin talked to the group about a meeting he had with Richard Kroeger and Elaine Reynolds about maps and GIS.
    - Discussions were had about the Hardin County fair. We hadn't planned on going but T. Allen said the fair board has spaces left. They are \$180 for a 9x10 space.
    - Project proposal 2014-8 for \$180 was motioned by T. Allen and seconded by R. Antibus. It passed unanimously.
    - D. Kozlowski said Marathon will do a river cleanup on Saturday 10-4 at Greenway trails in Findlay.
- Presidents report
    - T. Brugeman said we need a nominations committee for board members.
    - He asked B. Connour and B. Antibus to be on this committee and ask those members with expiring terms to run again.
    - We are not going to do Nashville now, it is too big of a commitment.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8pm