

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors meeting, City of Findlay Meeting Room
September 6, 2016, Findlay, OH**

T. Allen presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, T. Macke, B. Antibus, P. Martin, G. Russell, C. Kirchner, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds, T. Allen, W. Doyle, J. Haselman

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by T. Allen

- T. Allen welcomed everyone to the board meeting and asked for approval of the agenda.
 - R. Antibus motioned to approve the agenda and T. Allen seconded. It passed unanimously.
- The previous meetings minutes were approved by an email vote.
- T. Macke presented a Treasurer's report and accompanying documents and went through them with the group.
 - Discussions were had about the report.
 - G. Russell said that he has spoken with Ridge and Associates about having them look at our finances to make sure everything is in order. He said he would contact them for a proposal and present it at the next meeting.
 - E. Reynolds motioned to approve the financial report and B. Antibus seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- P. Martin presented the proposed revisions to the Code of Regulations, which were previously emailed to the Board.
 - He went through it with the group and asked for approval to present it at the annual meeting.
 - After discussion it was decided that this will be voted on by email after the changes are made.
- T. Allen said the T. Brugeman has recommended several people to fill the at-large positions on the board. Discussions were had about this.
- P. Martin gave a report on the Education and Outreach committee
 - Martin passed out a new "Citizen's Guide to the Blanchard River" brochure. He said he printed fifty for the Hancock county fair and they were all picked up.
 - Marti asked that a final version be approved by an email vote, and then 250 copies will be printed.
 - P. Martin said that he dropped off at least 4 of the "how am I Connected to Lake Erie" posters to all local schools that are in the rain barrel contest. He also dropped off posters to the area libraries.

- T Allen gave a short report from the Annual Meeting committee meeting.
 - T. Allen said that the annual meeting will be Thursday November 10th from 7-9 a.m. at Hancock County Ag. Center. There will be a light catered breakfast.
 - T. Allen said that T. Brugeman had put together a very nice postcard invitation that will be sent out.
 - P. Martin said that the speakers will be Randy Tucker from Streamside Systems and Aaron Leilers, who is the project director for the Demonstration Farms.
- T. Allen told the group that we still need a chair or co-chair for the stewardship committee.
- P. Martin said that he has the first 6-7 pages of the State of the Watershed report completed and will send the pages by email to the board.
- P. Martin reported that Tim Brugeman, Dick Kozlowski and he had met with Randy Tucker from Streamside Systems concerning the In-river sediment collector. They also discussed the status of the Riverside Sediment Removal Project. He has been asked to look for grant money for the Riverside Sediment Removal project.

New Business

- W. Doyle said that he and T. Brugeman have been working on the Strategic Plan Revision and that they want to get some people together in September to talk about and work on it so that they can have a final plan to vote on at the October meeting.
 - P. Martin said that he will contact people to try and schedule this meeting
- P. Martin said that Marathon is holding a Health Fair on Thursday, September 29th. Martin said several volunteers interesting in being there with information about the BRWP. He made some suggestions on how we could set this up and conduct it. Discussions followed.
- P. Martin said that Marathon has contacted us with a volunteer opportunity. They are having a group of people in Findlay for a meeting and wanted to know if there was something we could have them volunteer at for about one hour. Martin said currently few details are known but he will find out more.
- E. Reynolds told the group about the OneDrive account we have and how to access the files that are there. She provided the login and password for how to use it and gave some instructions.
- P. Martin talked about the awards for the Annual meeting and said that he needs to have nominations by the next meeting.

Coordinators Comments

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - Martin noted the status of all the active grants
 - He mentioned his attendance at the Field Day for one of the Demonstration Farms in the watershed. He noted that nearly over 100 people attended

Announcements

- T. Allen presented an invitation to the open house at the Findlay family center to celebrate them having been there for 10 years.
- W. Doyle said that Rotary is having a conference in Toledo regarding water quality issues in Lake Erie. He said he will provide more details later.
- E. Reynolds asked for assistance from anyone willing to help with PR information.
- R. Antibus motioned to adjourn the meeting and T. Allen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.