

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2018, Findlay, OH
Hancock County Engineer's meeting room
6 - 8 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, B. Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, E. Reynolds, T. Macke, S. Myers, J. McCleary, T. Watson, D. Croy, D. Kozlowski, W. Doyle, T. Amstutz, A. Downing,

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by E. Reynolds.

- E. Reynolds introduced Tara Amstutz to the group

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- D. Croy motioned to approve the April minutes and A. Downing seconded. It passed unanimously.
- Treasures report
 - T. Macke presented a treasurer's report and went through it with the group.
 - D. Kozlowski motioned to approve the treasurer's report and B. Doyle seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **5K Run Fundraiser**
 - S. Myers said that the Findlay striders running club has been contacted about setting up a 5k run for sometime this fall.
 - The running club will set everything up and then put our name on it.
- **BRWP Times**
 - E. Reynolds asked if anyone has any ideas for S. Myers to include in the newsletter.
 - Discussions were had about potential items.

New Business

- **Summer Intern**
 - T. Macke reported that T. Amstutz has asked us to take her on as an unpaid intern for 320 hours as it is required for her master's degree in conservation biology.
 - T. Amstutz then talked to the group about the program she is in and what she hopes to accomplish with this internship.
 - T. Macke motioned that we approve the internship and B. Doyle seconded. It passed unanimously.

- **Handling Illegal Dumping**
 - E. Reynolds asked the group if there was any interest on having a link or page on our website where people could report things such as illegal or improper dumping of grass clippings and failing silt fences so that we could pass that on to the appropriate agencies.
 - Much discussion was had about this topic.
 - It was decided that we would put the information on our site and newsletter about who to contact about such issues.
 - B. Connour agreed to contact The Courier about a possible article on such topics as well.

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**
 - J. McCleary said that the education committee had a May 15th meeting and talked about a possible river cleanup with Marathon.
 - It looks like it will take place this fall.
 - Discussions were also had the drink coasters.
 - Discussions were had about possible video ideas.
- **Stewardship Committee**
 - T. Macke said the stewardship committee has not met and has nothing to report.
- **Board Governance**
 - J. McCleary said the board governance committee has nothing to report, but that she will ask A. Downing to run for reelection.
 - E. Reynolds asked if anyone had any contacts in Bluffton as she has been unable to contact the mayor.
 - D. Croy said that he would go talk to someone in Bluffton.
 - Discussions were had about potential board candidates.
- **Community Advisory Committee**
 - J. McCleary reported that the community advisory council needs to revisit the plan and see where we are.
- **Membership Committee**
 - D. Croy said the membership committee has nothing to report.
- **Metrics Committee**
 - B. Connour said the metrics committee has nothing to report but that he will schedule a meeting.
 - E. Reynolds talked to the group about a phone app for macro sampling.

Coordinators Report

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group, He stated that items printed in green are new.

Other

- T. Macke talked about an Ottawa Greenspace Development Plan that D. Croy and he are involved in. He handed out an informational pamphlet.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm