

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2018, Findlay, OHpm
Hancock County Engineer's Meeting Room
6 - 8 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, Bob Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, E. Reynolds, J. McCleary, D. Croy, B. Doyle, C. Kirchner, S. Myers, T. Amstutz, J. Sehlhorst, T. Watson, T. Macke

The meeting was called to order at 5:58pm by E. Reynolds.

- E. Reynolds introduced Joe Selhorst to the group. He is the appointed representative of Bluffton city council. Everyone welcomed him and introduced themselves.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- P. Martin said the May minutes were approved by a 6-0 email vote.
- Treasures report
 - T. Macke presented a treasurer's report and went through it with the group.
 - Discussions were had about the report and S. Myers motioned to approve the treasurer's report. D. Croy seconded and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **5K Run Fundraiser**
 - J. Haselman has told others that the Findlay striders club will put on the 5k run and we will supply the staff and get some money.
- **Community Advisory Committee**
 - J. McCleary presented the CAC action plan and timeline and went through it with the group.
- **Outreach**
 - J. McCleary said that June 26th to 28th we will have demonstrations set up at the Findlay historical museum.
 - J. McCleary said we will have a presence at Oktoberfest.
 - J. McCleary said that so far this year we have done 11 demonstrations.
- **Retention Ponds**
 - Discussions were had about retention/overflow ponds. P. Martin mention that several concerns have been raise about localized flooding resulted from too much water flowing into waterways from subdivision.
 - P. Martin talked about this S. Myers said this will be talked about at the next education meeting.

New Business

- **UF Freshman Orientation**
 - P. Martin said that the University of Findlay freshman orientation is adding an afternoon session this year. He asked if we want to do something in just the morning session, afternoon session, or both.
 - B. Connour motioned to only offer to have 25 students do a cleanup in the morning. J. McCleary seconded and it passed unanimously.

- **Shane Myers Final Report**
 - S. Myers gave a final report on his stipend work
 - He said he did a data dump of all old files and moved many files of pictures.
 - He presented a handout to show how everything has been reorganized and explained the new organization.
 - He said he has looked at office space and it is at least \$400 to \$500 a month.

- **Old Records**
 - Discussions were had about going through all of the boxes of things at P. Martin's house P. Martin to see what needs kept.
 - It was decided that on July 12th the materials will be taken to Owens CC and a group will go through them.

- **Coordinator Search Committee**
 - B. Connour said he has agreed to chair the search committee for the next coordinator.
 - Discussions were had about this and it was decided to keep it as an internal search committee.
 - P. Martin presented a handout from Columbus about how they are possibly going to try to fund things. Like this.
 - P. Martin said that Heidelberg University has asked him to be a part of a contract they have.
 - The following people agreed to be on the search committee: T. Macke, B. Doyle, D. Kozlowski and C. Kirchner.

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**
 - S. Myers said that the education committee met at Gillig Winery and they are working on a video.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - The stewardship committee continues work on the 5k run.

- **Board Governance Committee**
 - J. McCleary said that the board governance committee has not met.
 - She noted that E. Reynolds, P. martin and her had met with Dr. Michael Reid and told him about who we are and if he would be interested in serving on the board.
 - It was mentioned that we need someone to be the next President.
 - J. McCleary said that the community foundation wants to work with us on consulting.
 - J. McCleary presented a handout on advocacy from a meeting she had with Jennifer Williams.
 - J. McCleary said that getting help from the community foundation involves a day long training session as well as some additional training,
 - J. McCleary explained how all of this will work.

- **Membership Committee**
 - D. Croy said the membership committee has talked about getting the board to recruit members and about fundraisers.

- **Metrics Committee**
 - B. Connour said the metrics committee has not met. He asked when the metrics committee can meet, and it was decided next Wednesday, June 27th 5:30.

Intern report

- T. Amstutz presented a handout and went through it with the group.
- T. Amstutz plan has been fully approved by her university,

Coordinators Report

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

Other Business

- E. Reynolds asked if we should rent a 15-passenger van and have P. Martin show us around the watershed. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm