

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
10- 18-2018, 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, J. McCleary, T. Amstutz, S. Myers, A. Downing, B. Antibus, C. Kirchner, M. Reid, J. Haselman

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by E. Reynolds.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- S. Myers motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.

- Treasures report
 - T. Macke presented a treasurer's report and went through it with the group.
 - B. Connour motioned to approve the treasurer's report and S. Myers seconded. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **Annual Meeting**
 - Discussions were had about the annual meeting, which is Thursday, ~~October~~ **November** 8th from 3 to 5pm.
 - Some people will be arriving at 1pm for setup.
 - P. Martin said that Aaron Heilers will speak briefly about the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms.
 - There will be a 5 to 10 minute discussion of nine element NPS-IS Plans
 - A PowerPoint presentation of the year's activities will be running before the meeting.
 - An Annual Report will be passed out.

- **EPA Grant for writing NPS-IS Plans**
 - P. Martin said he hasn't heard anything regarding the EPA grant, but the rumors are they want to direct these grants to soil and water conservation districts.
 - It was discussed that we may be able to subcontract with them.

Coordinator's Report

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
- P. Martin stated he has rain barrels at his house and could use help to put them together.

Intern Report

- T. Amstutz presented a handout and went through it with the group.

New Business

- **New Coordinator**
 - B. Connour filled the board in on details regarding the hiring of a new watershed coordinator.
 - Two individuals were interviewed, and the search committee recommended the hiring of Lauren Sandhu.
 - Discussions were had about this, and T. Macke motioned to offer her the job. S. Myers seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - S. Myers motioned to allow the executive committee to determine the pay for L. Sandhu anywhere between \$15 and \$20 per hour. B. Antibus seconded and it passed unanimously.
- **Quarterly Strategic Plan Review**
 - Discussions were had about the strategic plan. It was reviewed in July.
 - J. McCleary presented a handout and the group went through it to review the strategic plan.
- **Effect of the Retirement of the Coordinator**
 - Everyone from the board wrote some concerns on the loss to the BRWP due to P. Martin retiring.
 - Discussions were had about this so things could be addressed.
- **Coordinator Transition Team**
 - Five people have agreed to be on a new coordinator transition team.
- **December Social Meeting**
 - Decisions were had about where to have the December social meeting.
 - J. McCleary said she would be happy to host it again.
 - It was decided it will be on Monday, December 10th.

Committee Reports

- The Education committee had no report.
- The Stewardship committee had no report.
- J. McCleary presented a short report from the Board Governance committee.
- J. McCleary presented a short report from the Community Advisory Council.
- The Membership committee had no report.
- The Metrics committee had no report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.