



Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

3-21-2019, Owen's Community College, R. 054, Findlay, OH

J. McCleary presiding, B. Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, E. Reynolds, J. McCleary, M. Reid, L. Sandhu, C. Kirchner, S. Myers, Alice. LaLone, A. Downing, J. Haselman, B. Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by J. McCleary.

The previous meetings minutes were approved by an email vote. Thirteen of the fourteen board members replied to the email request for a vote.

- S. Myers provided a financial report and went through it with the group.
 - Our current balance is \$30,504.87.
 - J. McCleary reported that her and B. Connour met with R. Ridge and she told them it would be very expensive to have her do all of our accounting.
 - J. McCleary reported the S. Myers will keep the financial records and L. Sandhu will keep track of all grants.
 - J. McCleary went through a couple of reimbursements we need to pay:
 - Reimburse Lauren Sandhu \$25 for wildlife license
 - Reimburse E. Reynolds \$176.34 for the new binders for the board and \$26.90 for the website fee.
 - Reimburse J. McCleary \$10 for the extra increase \$85 to \$95 in the PO Box fee.
 - E. Reynolds said the website is back up and running. M. Reid motioned to approve reimbursements and A. Downing seconded. It passed unanimously.
 - The board was presented with P. Martins monthly work report, went through it and approved it.
 - M. Reid motioned to approve the report and J. Haselman seconded. It passed unanimously.
- **Old business**
 - E. Reynolds reported that for the rain barrels we have 16 barrels and 9 sponsors, and she went through the sponsors.
 1. Findlay BPOE #75
 2. Hancock SWCD
 3. Beerco
 4. Hancock Farm Bureau
 5. Legacy
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
 - 9.
 10. Croy Mowing (added after board meeting)
 - E. Reynolds said that set up would be Friday May 3.
 - Discussions were had about the set up and tear down.
- **Coordinators report**
 - L. Sandhu presented a handout and went through it with the group.
 - L. Sandhu went through all current and potential grants.



- E. Reynolds motioned that we apply for the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction grant and J. Haselman seconded. It passed unanimously.
 - S. Myers motioned that we apply for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative sub grant for NPS plans. E. Reynolds seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - Discussions were had about a meeting with the health department. P. Martin is going and the board agreed the L. Sandhu should also.
- **New business**
 - E. Reynolds presented the idea of “PIG-LETS”. The PIG refers to the shape of our watershed and the LETS stands for lessons, education, and training soundbites.
 - Discussions were had about this and the consensus was that it is a good idea.
 - E. Reynolds went through a watershed map tour with the group and showed several maps of different sub-watersheds.
 - L. Sandhu talked to the group about the H₂Ohio project being proposed by governor DeWine.
 - Discussions were had about the “Lake Erie Bill of Rights”. It was decided that our stance is that it is good in theory but would be problematic to put into practice. A statement was drafted, “The BRWP is glad that people in the Toledo area are concerned about the environment. However, it may be problematic to put the Bill of Rights into practice.”
 - **Committee reports**
 - J. McCleary reported that the advocacy CAC committee (M. Reed, L. Sandhu, E. Reynolds, J. McCleary), met with Jennifer. Williams, a non-profit consultant contracted by The Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation. At their February meeting they completed the following tasks:
 1. J. McCleary has emailed R. Wilson with Ohio EPA and G. Nageotte from Ohio Department of Agriculture.
 2. L. Sandhu said she is finding farmers to share stories of BMP’s etc.
 3. J. McCleary said an action plan has been developed.
 4. E. Reynolds develop maps of the watershed with overlays of the congressional districts and SWCDs/
 - J. McCleary said the Advocacy Committee working in conjunction with Jennifer Williams is recommending that BRWP conduct a watershed tour to promote the work of BRWP and discussions were had about this. Everyone thought it is a good idea.
 - E. Reynolds said that the new board member notebooks were complete, and one was distributed to each board member in attendance.
 - It was announced that A. Downing has agreed to chair the education committee.
 - A. Downing went through possible activities and said she wants to schedule a meeting for April.
 - B. Connour, E. Reynolds, and S. Myers said the metrics committee is still looking through reports and data.
 - For the membership committee, J. Haselman reported that he has put together previous membership lists and put together a chart, which he went through with the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.