

# Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

4-18-2019, Findlay, OH



J. McCleary presiding, B. Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, A. Downing, B. Antibus, D. Croy, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds, J. Selhorst, S. Myers, L. Sandhu, J. McCleary

Absent: J. Haselman, T. Watson, B. Doyle, M. Reed, C. Kirchner

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by J. McCleary

The previous meetings minutes were approved by an email vote.

- **S. Myers provided a financial report and went through it with the group.**
  - D. Kozlowski motioned to approve the report, B. Antibus seconded, and it passed unanimously.  
J. McCleary said we needed to approve a payment to Ridge and Associates. It is \$125 for accounting this quarter.
  - B. Connour motioned to approve, A. Downing seconded, and it passed unanimously.
  - D. Croy motioned to approve IRS 941 for 2019 employees quarterly federal tax return payment of \$525.72. S. Myers seconded and it was approved unanimously.
  
- **Old business**
  - E. Reynolds said that the rain barrel contest is May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9 in the lobby of the Hancock Hotel.
  - Rain Barrel set up will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning and tear down will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. All board members are welcome to help.
  - Discussions were had about memberships and possibly putting together raffle baskets.
  - E. Reynolds went through the schools that are decorating rain barrels.
  
- **Coordinators report – See page 3**
  - L. Sandhu presented a handout and went through it with the group.
  - L. Sandhu went through all current and potential grants.
  - L. Sandhu gave an update on the Kurtz Brothers project.
  - Discussions were had about the watershed tour, it is on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, and setup is on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
  - Discussions were had about the art walk, the river cleanup, Facebook updates, and the outdoor wildlife expo.
  - 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**
  - J. Haselman and J. McCleary attended the Marathon leadership Leaderthon.
  - J. McCleary apprised the group of what they learned.
    - All committees are encouraged to meet in April or May and to report progress to the board.
  - J. McCleary talked about the TR 89 wetland project and how it may be funded.
  - J. McCleary talked about outreach to Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. They contacted us last November and said they would love to work with us.

- L. Sandhu is going to contact Richard Kirk of the BRWS.
  - Discussions were had about how we want to meet with them, such as asking them to do a presentation.
  - Discussions were had about the family center rain garden and how it is ridiculously overgrown.
  - J. McCleary will contact K. Richardson at the family center to get permission to clean it up. **Completed 4-19-19 Kevin welcomed the clean-up.**
  - B. Connour said that he would ask his boy scouts about possible service hours.
  - D. Croy and L. Sandhu said they would coordinate the project.
  - *J. McCleary reported that the BRWP is registered with the Post Office as a non-profit agency.*
- **Committee reports**
    - J. McCleary reported that the advocacy committee met with J. Williams on 4/23/19.
    - J. McCleary reviewed the agenda for the Watershed Tour which will be held from 8:30 – 11:30 on 6-14-19. M. Reed created the theme: “A look at the past, A glimpse of the future.” Legislators, policy-makers, water and soil quality agencies, the agricultural community and the general public are invited.
    - McCleary will email Don Croy Tour information to share at trustee meetings, etc.
    - Approximately 400 invitations will be mailed for the Watershed Tour. U of F will print invitations for 12.5 cents.
    - The board governance committee had nothing to report.
    - The education outreach committee had nothing to report.
    - The metrics committee had nothing to report.
    - The membership committee had nothing to report.
    - Discussions were had about combining membership and stewardship funding into one committee.
    - J. McCleary said she will check with J. Haselman on his thoughts.
    - L. Sandhu said she would contact C. Spiese at ONU about water testing.
    - Stewardship/fundraising committee had nothing to report.
  - **Other/new business**
    - J. Selhorst told us he has met with the Allen county health department and told them all about us. He also talked about the contacts he has made and his outreach efforts.
    - D. Kozlowski talked about PSA water testing.
    - D. Kozlowski said he will lead the effort. He said he thought it could be a good advocacy issue for us, and it is being discussed national and locally.
    - D. Kozlowski said he thinks we should do a test, but asked what would we do if we find PFAs?
    - This will be discussed again at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

# Coordinator Report

## April 18, 2019



### 1. Kurtz Brothers Update

-Jason Ziss met with the OEPA and Lake Erie Commission on April 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss his project

### 2. Grant Updates

- Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program (GLSNRP) Grant was successfully submitted on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

-grant recipients will be notified that they have been awarded this grant by June

-GLRI Subgrants for Developing Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategies was successfully submitted on April 5<sup>th</sup>

-BRWP received support from Hancock SWCD, Putnam SWCD, Heidelberg University, Hancock County Commissioners to write NPS-IS Plans for Upper Eagle Creek, Howard Run, and Pike Run

### 3. Watershed Tour

-Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area has been reserved for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

-Set-up for the tour will begin at 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

### 4. Art Walk

-Sediment filters were given to us by Jakob Boehler, the Sandusky Watershed Coordinator

-We would like to use these filters for some sort of educational display at Art Walk

(Need status on BRWP art walk location, volunteers, Dietsch's gift basket, rain barrel sponsors etc.)

### 5. River Clean-Up

-Hancock Park District and Litter Landing would like to partner with the BRWP for a river clean-up

-Waiting to receive possible dates

### 6. Facebook Update

-Goal is to publish two or three posts to the BRWP Facebook page each week

-Posts within the last three weeks have reached over 5,000 people!  
Previously posts were reaching around 60 people

### 7. Ohio Outdoor and Wildlife Expo.

-Was held at Sawmill Creek on March 30<sup>th</sup>

-Sandusky Watershed Coalition paid \$75 to reserve a booth at the Expo.

-Jakob Boehler suggested that the BRWP and SWC attend the Expo. together next year, and split the cost of a booth

