

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
Annual Meeting
11- 8-2018, Findlay, OH
Hancock County Ag. Center meeting room
3 - 5 pm**

E. Reynolds presiding, P. Martin recording.

A welcome and registration time was held from 3:00 - 3:30 pm. Refreshments were served.

Program

E. Reynolds, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a 2018 year summary

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm by E. Reynolds.

- **Financial Report**

- E. Reynolds reviewed the Financial Report from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018.
- The membership was asked to vote on whether to approve the report on their ballots. The report was approved unanimously.

- **2019 Board of Directors Election**

- E. Reynolds presented the ballot to the membership and asked for any nominations.
- No nominations were offered. The final ballot was:
 - ✚ Ottawa Creek Representative - Don Croy, Ottawa
 - ✚ At-Large #3 - Jane Mc Cleary, Findlay
 - ✚ At- Large Member #6 – Amy Downing, Findlay
- E. Reynolds asked the membership to vote on their ballots and pass the ballots to the center. All candidates were approved

- **Featured Speaker**

- P. Martin, Watershed Coordinator, introduced the feature speaker Mr. Aaron Heilers. A. Heilers is the project director for the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms.
- A. Heilers review the projects being researched on each of the three farms.
- A. Heilers presented data that had been collect from the research.
- Finally, Heilers discussed the projects planned in the future.

- **Nine Element NPS-IS Plans**

- P. Martin reviewed the reasons and needs for writing and receiving full endorsement of NPS-IS Plans.
- P. Martin mentioned the three plans that the BRWP has written and received full approval. NPS-IS Plans that have been fully approved included the Tiderishi Creek HUC-12 watershed, the Marsh Run-Little Riley Creek HUC-12 watershed and The Outlet-Blanchard River HUC-12 watershed.
- P. Martin mentioned the two NPS-IS Plans that are in the writing stage. These plans are for the Lower Riley Creek HUC-12 watershed and the City of Findlay Riverside Park-Blanchard River watershed.

- **Awards**

- E. Reynolds presented the Friends of the Blanchard River Watershed 2018 Volunteer Award to Dick McCleary for his outstanding volunteer help.
- P. Martin presented the "Coordinator's Award" to the Hancock Soil and Water Conservation District and the Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District. Martin noted the outstanding help each had given him over the last 10 years.
- E. Reynolds presented P. Martin with a plaque honoring him for his service as watershed coordinator over the last 10 years. Martin will be retiring on December 31, 2018.

Wrap-up

- E. Reynolds gave a brief wrap to the group and asked for help during the coming year
- The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.