Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership
2016 Annual Meeting - Hancock Ag. Center
November 10, 2016, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., Findlay, OH

T. Allen presiding, Bob Connour recording.

**Board Members Present:** B. Connour, T. Macke, D. Croy, T. Brugeman, J. McCleary, G. Russell, C. Kirchner, D. Kozlowski, E. Reynolds, T. Allen, J Augsburger and J. Haselman

**Other Members Present:** G. Pruitt, L. Schroeder, Gary Wilson and M. Reed

There were 22 non-members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:28am by T. Allen

**Welcome**
- T. Allen went through a brief history of the BRWP and our accomplishments.

**Business Meeting**
- T. Allen called for approval of the 2015 annual meeting minutes.
  - J, McCleary motioned to approve and D. Kozlowski seconded. Motion was approved with 12 - 0 with one 1 abstaining.

- T. Allen called for a ballot vote of the candidates for the Board of Directors
  - There were no write in candidates.
  - The vote on the candidates was unanimous.
  - Bob Connour was re-elected to a three-year term representing the Eagle Creek watershed.
  - Robert Antibus was re-elected to a three-year term representing the Riley Creek watershed
  - Elaine Reynolds was re-elected to a three-year term as the At-Large #4 representative.
  - Shane Myers was elected to a three-year term as the At-Large #1 representative.

- T. Allen called for a ballot vote to amend the Code of Regulations as presented. The vote was unanimous.

**Featured Speakers**
- P. Martin introduced the speakers.
  - Randy Tucker of Streamside Systems gave a powerpoint presentation on the removal of sediment from waterways that has been done by his company. He discussed the In-River sediment that his company is installing in the Blanchard River east of the City of Findlay reservoirs.
Jordan Hoewischer from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation talked about the three Demonstration Farms that the Farm Bureau and NRCS have installed in the Blanchard River watershed.

2017 - The Future

- T. Allen talked briefly about the challenges facing the BRWP in 2017. The main challenge is funding of the coordinator’s position.

Awards

- P. Martin presented the yearly awards.
  - An Annual “Friend of the River” award was presented to the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and the Hancock County Farm Bureau for their ongoing support of water quality in the watershed.
  - Another Annual “Friend of the River” award was presented to Christy Ranzau for all her pro bono legal advice she has provided to the BRWP.
  - The “Friend of the River - Coordinator’s award” was presented to AE Curbside for their sponsorship of three rain barrels in Rain Barrel Decorating Contest the last three years. AE Curbside also has a curbside recycling program in Findlay.

Closing Comments

- T. Allen gave some closing comments and thanked all for attending.

- The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 am.