

**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.