

**Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting Hancock Engineer's Meeting Rm.  
September 20, 2018, 6 - 8 pm Findlay, OH**

E. Reynolds presiding, B. Connour recording.

Present: B. Connour, P. Martin, E. Reynolds, T. Macke, J. McCleary, T. Watson, D. Kozlowski, W. Doyle, T. Amstutz

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by E. Reynolds.

**Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

- The July meetings minutes were approved by email vote (6-0). The August meeting was a social so there were no minutes.
- **Treasurers report**
  - T. Macke presented a treasurer's report and went through it with the group.
  - T. Macke said that membership is down about \$700 from what we had hoped for.
  - T. Macke said that income is up do to some grants.
  - B. Doyle motioned to approve the treasurer's report and J. McCleary seconded. It passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- **5K Run Fundraiser**
  - P. Martin said he had talked with Anne Coburn-Griffs from the Quarry Farm. He said Anne was looking at the BRWP as an In-kind supporter and that the BRWP will not receive any money for the Quarry farm 5K and will only be listed as supporters.
- **Search Committee Update**
  - B. Connour said that for the coordinator position we have 2 candidates, one who is very good.
  - The ad is in the State Soil and Water Conservation site and is also in The Courier.
  - The search committee said that they would meet soon and come up with interview questions.
- **Annual Meeting**
  - B. Doyle said that he thinks the annual meeting should be a noon meeting.
  - After discussion it was decided to have it from 3 - 5 pm on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, with the program beginning at 3:30.
  - E. Reynolds will ask D. Croy about providing food and P. Martin will ask Blanchard River Watershed Solutions if they could to be the speaker.

- B. Doyle motioned to add a “BRWP volunteer of the year” award for this year and T. Macke seconded. Dick McCleary was voted to receive this year’s award. The motion passed unanimously.
- P. Martin asked that the Coordinator’s Award be presented to the Putnam and Hancock SWCD. J. McCleary motioned and T. Macke seconded. It passed unanimously.
- **Marathon / UF Clean-up**
  - It was discussed that the UF cleanup will include 20 students from the university and 8 from Marathon. It will focus on Howard’s Run from Main Street to Morey Avenue.
- **Community Foundation Training**
  - E. Reynolds and J. McCleary will be attending Findlay-Hancock Community Foundation training next Tuesday. The topic is 5-star storytelling.

### **Coordinator’s Report**

- P. Martin presented a handout and went through it with the group.
- B. Doyle motioned to approve a contract with D. Bixel and T. Deeds for implementation of the new Great Lakes Basin grant. T. Macke seconded and it passed unanimously.
- P. Martin stated he has rain barrels at his house.

### **Intern report**

- T. Amstutz presented a handout and went through it with the group.

### **New Business**

- P. Martin offered to act as a subcontractor next year for grants next year.
  - Discussions were had about this and it was decided to do this for existing grants and work out the details for others on a per grant basis. B. Connour moved and B. Doyle second to accept the offer. It passed unanimously
- P. Martin mentioned that the Ohio EPA would be offering grants for the writing of nine element NPS-IS Plans later this fall.
- P. Martin said that he had emailed the information for the 2019 Rain Barrel Contest to all teachers that had entered in the last two years. Due date is October 12, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm