Minutes of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

June 20, 2019  Findlay, OH

J. McCleary presiding, Bob Connour recording.


The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by J. McCleary

- S. Myers motioned to approve the January planning meeting minutes and D. Kozlowski seconded. It passed unanimously.

- Financial Report
  - S. Myers said he has written several checks that have cleared.
  - E. Reynolds said there is a site that has discounted QuickBooks software for $50 to $150.
  - J. McCleary said we would make a decision on this after several of us go to a meeting on July 16 about financial planning.
  - S. Myers said that our end of May balance was $27,527.20 and our current balance is $24,634.09.
  - S. Myers said he got an email from P. Martin about two checks for cover crops totaling about $11,000.
  - D. Kozlowski motioned to approve the financial report and M. Reid seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - Some reimbursements were brought to the board and D. Kozlowski motioned to approve them. D. Croy seconded and they passed unanimously.

- Old Business
  - J. McCleary said the watershed tour went very well and we had great attendance, she filled everyone in on how well it went.
  - Discussions were had about the riverside dam project, specifically where do we go from here.
  - It was asked if the city and the park district are in on it, because if not what do we do.
  - M. Reid said we should get a graphic artist to put a professional graphic of what it would look like and how it would proceed.
  - S. Myers motioned that we continue with the riverside dam project. D. Croy seconded and it passed unanimously.
  - D. Kozlowski mentioned that we should meet with the city engineer because we must have buy in from the city and park district.
  - It was mentioned that we need to talk to R. Tucker and ODNR fisheries about this project.
J. McCleary presented P. Martins work plan for July.
- Detailed discussions were had about what exactly P. Martin is doing and should or should not be doing.
- E. Reynolds motioned that L. Sandhu continue with current watershed business for 20 hours a week and that hours beyond that will be spent on the NPSIS grant and paid for by that grant. She is not to exceed the hours of the grant. D. Croy seconded and it passed unanimously.
- D. Croy motioned to approve an amended work plan for P. Martin for July. He is approved for 40 hours instead of 75 on the NPS plan and 61 instead of 96. E. Reynolds seconded and it passed unanimously.

- Coordinators report
  - L. Sandhu presented a handout and went through it with the group.
  - She talked about the meeting several of us had with the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy (WCOLC).
  - They had contacted L. Sandhu because we serve much of the same area and are 501c3.
  - Discussions were had about how we can work together, and the education outreach committee is tasked with contacting them. One possible project is a recognition dinner for individuals or groups who have implemented environmentally friendly project.

- Other
  - T. Macke is involved in the Arrowhead Park in Ottawa and wants us to get involved. It is on the river and we could get our name on it. L. Sandhu is looking into this and discussions were had about it.
  - Allen County Soil and Water has a place for us in their tent to set up a table and we do not have to be there.
  - L. Sandhu is going there to talk about raingardens.
  - The Putnam county fair has asked when we are setting up, L. Sandhu cannot do it.
  - D. Croy said he would take care of it.
  - L. Sandhu said Ohio EPA is having a workshop on July 10th from 9 am to noon. She said she would forward the email to everyone.
  - Regarding advocacy, it was mentioned that we need to collaborate with WCOLC.
  - L. Sandhu said the River Network contacted her because they have some grant money available to host events. They identified us as a water champion.
  - L. Sandhu went through all active and potential grants.
  - L. Sandhu said Stone lab is having lectures every Tuesday until the end of July.
  - Discussions were had about the U of F freshman orientation river clean-up on Saturday 8/17.
  - L. Sandhu said she will tell them we are in.

- D. Croy motioned to adjourn and B. Connour seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.