

Spring Creek Board Meeting Minutes  
May 09, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition ("SCC") was held on May 09, 2019, at the Schusterman-Benson public library in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Board members present were Angela Brazeal, Beth Rooney, George Kamp, Jennifer Owen, Jessica Spencer, Jim McCoy, David Martinez, and Travis Fite. President Fite called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Treasurer's Report – Jim

**For April 2019:**

**Income**

Donations	\$250
Life-time membership	\$100
Total Income	\$350

**Expense**

PayPal Fees	\$ 4.95
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$345.05</b>

Ending Bank Balance \$11,506.46

Legal Fees To-Date:

Paid in March:	\$1,294.63
Paid in May for April:	\$1,446.67

Approval of Minutes – Beth moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2019 board meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Report on Fundraising, Goal 2 –

Angela reported that Pam Kingfisher was very offended by the Fundraising Committee's idea to take the Green Country Guardians' two-sided fact sheet titled "AR Poultry Invasion in NE Oklahoma" and rebrand it with Spring Creek Coalition's logo for use at our fundraising events.

In Bill's absence, and due to time constraints, Beth gave a brief report for the Fundraising Committee saying the committee was doing well and had raised over \$15,000 to date.

Recap on past activities:

Earth Day, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Guthrie Green, Tulsa – Angela reported that this event was enjoyable with much activity, interaction with other clubs, and passing-out information on the poultry invasion, such as Pam’s fact sheet. Travis helped with setup. Grant Hall of Green Country Guardians did the 3-5pm shift. Angela handled the 5pm-evening shift and tear down.

Cherokee Nation Environmental Day, NSU, Tahlequah – Bill and Angela attended. Angela reported that this was a fair for children, perhaps 1st thru 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. It was also enjoyable and one significant contact made was with a hydro engineer (Bill has the name). Beth reported that she had heard through Bill that because this is a children’s event, he does not recommend attending it in the future.

Media message brainstorming to produce a clear, concise, coherent statment of SCC mission and plan to public, potential donors, interested parties, advocates of the creek, Goal 2 – Jennifer talked about using a PR firm to help craft our message. Jim gave an overview of how he has seen PR firms work in the past and how effective they can be brainstorming with their client to get results. A mention was made that we need to know up front what that would cost.

Jennifer then led a brainstorming session to try to solidify the Board’s thoughts on what we want in order to provide input to a PR firm. She asked the group to respond to the question “If you could be ‘King for the Day’ what outcome would you wish for? (Think Big/Think outside the box).”

Many ideas were generated such as “Eliminate CAFOs entirely” to “Ensure all costs of running a poultry operation such as those for poultry waste, roads, and water are paid for by the integrators.”

The Board did not arrive at a consensus on any statements or direction. Jennifer summarized the session by saying that the statements generated showed that large poultry farm operations need to be recognized as an industry and not as agriculture.

Executive Session - Travis moved that the board enter an executive session. The executive session began at 7:17 and ended at 7:37.

Strengthening of Coalition, Goal 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Although a formal vote was not taken, the consensus of those present was that, yes, we should organize a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Beth has consulted with Neal Russell who

is willing to undertake many aspects. He estimates a cost of \$2,000. The board found this acceptable.

**Dates:** Board preference is for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Beth will confirm with Neal.

**Food:** Jennifer agreed to provide a smoked-pig for lunch. It was proposed that we make it a potluck. Some would like to provide beer. Beth mentioned that at our 20<sup>th</sup> celebration, the board decided against providing, but for allowing people to bring, beer. She will check the minutes from back then as to the reasoning behind this.

**Activities:** a list of possible activities included: archery, wildflower walk, birding, aquarium, biology creek walk (Blue Thumb), music, drumming, stand-up-paddleboards (SUP), hatchet throwing, kayaks. A final selection and details need to be worked out.

**Timing:** 9AM to 3PM. In the past, archery dictated a 9am start in order to avoid the heat of the day. It was pointed out that everyone does not need to arrive that early.

**Expected attendance:** 80 attended in 2014. Because SCC has increased their presence since then, we should probably plan for more.

#### Strengthening of Coalition, Goal 1 – June newsletter

Beth said she will put together a newsletter for mailing in June. She suggested the following topics: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, our activities (tree planting, Earth Day, Cherokee Nation Environmental Day), update on Peggs Water Co secondary water source, update on delay on our Water Monitoring Plan. Jennifer Donnelly suggested that every newsletter should include a call for donations.

Watershed Development Plan, Goal 4 - David reported that Shelby Burrige, our contact at the OK Conservation Commission Water Quality Division, told him that the SCC plan is in their sphere of activity. Their first step is to gather all the data they have on the Spring Creek Watershed. It will take about two months before they get back with us to present a draft plan.

Water Quantity, PWC impact, Goal 7 – Beth has talked to Robin Culie, Manager, Peggs Water Company (PWC), and was told that, if all goes well, they could be turning on the tap to a secondary water source from Lake Tenkiller in 2021.

#### New Business –

Travis reported that he intends to consult with Roger Jones of “Our Buffalo River” group on May 19, specifically on how they have handled hog farm CAFO’s in their watershed.

Travis reported that he has spoken to Cara Watts and Chad Smith of the Cherokee Nation. They indicated that any updated policies regarding the poultry issue are dependent on Cherokee Nation election results, June 1.

President Fite adjourned the meeting at 7:58

Next Meeting: Thursday June 13, 6:15-7:45PM, Schusterman-Benson Library

Respectfully submitted, Beth Rooney