

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (SCC) was held on May 5, 2020 online through Zoom. Present were: Beth Rooney, George Kamp, Jennifer Donnelly, Jennifer Owen, Jessica Spencer, Martha Blackburn, Bill Chambers, Jim McCoy, Karen Harris, David Martinez and Angela Brazeal. Guests David Page and Kelly Foster also attended. President Rooney called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum was present.

An Executive Session was held with David Page and Kelly Foster until 6:45pm.

A motion was made by (?) and seconded to approve the March and April minutes. Passed.

Board Insurance: George Kamp reported that he has been working with a contact he made via our affiliation with Waterkeepers Alliance, Susan Childs; she has expertise in this area. He should have a quote for us by the next board meeting.

Jim McCoy presented the **treasurer's report**. As of May 1 we have \$37,240.12 in our account which includes our \$9,950 grant dedicated to water monitoring. The treasurer's report was accepted for filing.

Fundraising: Bill Chambers reported that the fundraising committee met. Most fundraising efforts are at a standstill due to the coronavirus pandemic. The committee decided to make calls to other environmental groups asking for their support and contributions as soon as our litigation is filed.

Jennifer Donnelly reported on her efforts with our **Facebook** page. She is working on increasing engagement in preparation for a fundraiser and community awareness. So far she has spent a minimal amount, around \$8, to boost post of a picture of the creek asking "What do you like about Spring Creek?" which garnered a great increase of views, comments, and sharing.

Water Monitoring: Bill Chambers reported that he has been working with Christian Breen from Waterkeepers Alliance on equipment. Bill expects to be able to purchase the equipment this month, and Christian said he would come to Tulsa to teach us how to use it and conduct another training session. Beth said she has contacted Sandy Whitekiller, one of our trainees; she is ready for monitoring. The Tulsa Health Department who will do our sample analysis is open (they are an essential business). Beth has been unable to reach the GRDA lab supervisor who might do our analysis for free at their NSU lab.

President Rooney made the following **announcements**:

- Our **SCC taxes** were filed by e-postcard 5/4/2020
- Pam Kingfisher and Beth Rooney requested a **formal hearing on the gravel mining permit** transfer at Double Spring Creek above Spring Creek. In the past it has taken two months for them to set a hearing date so expect some time in July. Rooney mentioned that she did not think we would win this case unless we can find some rule relating to Spring Creek's water quality being impaired that the permit violates. Martha Blackburn offered to look into that. We had an informal hearing in December, 2019, after which the permit was given the go-ahead.
- We will start using the **Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate sturgeon logo** now on all our SCC correspondence (emails, letters, website).

We tentatively set our next meeting date for Tuesday, May 26, 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Rooney