

Spring Creek Coalition August Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, August 13, 2020, by President Beth Rooney.

Present at the meeting were: Jennifer Owen, George Kamp, Beth Rooney, James McCoy, Travis Fite, Martha Blackburn, Angela Brazeal, Jessica Spencer, and Bill Chambers

MOTION: by George Kamp to go in to executive session at 6:01 was 2nd by Martha Blackburn
PASSED

MOTION: By George to leave executive session at 6:15 was 2nd by Martha
PASSED

MOTION: By Travis to accept July minutes was 2nd by Bill Chambers
PASSED

Travis Fite reported on the poultry management guidelines interim study held by the Oklahoma House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, chair Dell Kerbs, Wednesday, August 12. Travis attended the study in-person whereas several board members listened on-line. Some of the presenters at the study were Grant Hall of Green Country Guardians, Teena Gunther, ODAFF General Counsel, and Trey Lam of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Travis reported on some of the side talk and gestures of committee members that he was able to observe.

A brief discussion was held about the safety of stocking the creek with non-native fish. Jennifer Owen suggested to let the burden of proof of safety be upon the organization that wants to stock. President Rooney polled the board for their position on the issue. Consensus was that non-native species of any kind should not be introduced into our streams. There is an Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation committee that we have the opportunity to influence with our input.

A new fundraising chair position was taken by Beth Rooney and Pam Kingfisher. A report was presented by Beth and Jennifer Donnelly: \$12,575 plus \$5,000 matching, was raised in our recent '5 in 5' (raise \$5,000 in 5 weeks to receive a matching donation of \$5,000) campaign.

President Rooney presented an update on detrimental algae that may be found in creeks presented by expert Dr. Jan Stevenson earlier this month. Rooney, Blackburn, Donnelly, McCoy and Spencer attended. President Rooney showed photos of harmful algae identified by Dr. Stevenson. The photos were taken in July at her and George Kamp's Spring Creek properties.

Bill Chambers reported on the most recent findings from the water monitoring team. The results were surprising in that the water at Teresita was the cleanest of E. coli and other bacterium and the upper Spring creek locations at Three Springs Farm and N590 Rd below Kansas were more polluted. The next water monitoring event is scheduled for August 27.

George Kamp gave a report on Waterkeeper Alliance (WKA) Affiliate; he is exploring the preparation of a conflict of interest policy for our board. He will also send information on how board members can access WKA's resource library, shelf.io.

The treasurer's report by James McCoy was accepted for file after reporting a balance of \$21,957.

OTHER: Jennifer Owen reported that the recent attempt to increase our Facebook outreach for the purposes of fundraising has resulted in a very unwanted increase of outsiders to the creek, such as overwhelming bumper-to-bumper cars in the Littlefield's/Cave Springs area and people showing up at her gate looking for creek access.

MOTION: to adjourn by George Kamp was 2nd by Bill Chambers.
PASSED.

Minutes were prepared by Secretary Angela Brazeal