

Spring Creek Coalition February 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order on February 14, 2021 at 6:09 pm. by President Beth Rooney

Present were George Kamp, Beth Rooney, Travis Fite, Jessica Spencer, Karen Harris, and Jennifer Donnelly.

President Rooney informed the board that board member **Jim McCoy is taking a 3-month sabbatical** due to increased work load with his business.

Motion: A motion was made by George Kamp and seconded to **accept the January minutes.**

Passed

President Rooney reminded the board to sign the **Conflict-of-Interest policy** previously approved by the board and return it to Secretary Angela Brazeal for filing.

The **treasury report** was accepted for filing. We had a balance of \$4,805 as of 1/8/21 and now have a balance of \$10,442 as of 2/8/21. President Rooney will send out our monthly statements from Arvest Bank during the absence of co-treasurer Jim McCoy who usually provides reports.

Beth Rooney presented the **fundraising** report.

1. **A notice was sent to all those on our mailing list to renew membership or join.** This brought in 13 new members and 9 renewals, \$960.
2. Our **'Shortest Month' campaign has been a great success.** We reached our matching goal of \$4,440 in just 13 days via our GoFundMe. Additionally, checks have been coming in by mail that haven't been tallied yet.
3. We **applied for a grant of \$8,718 from the Kirkpatrick Foundation** to complete 6 months of our year baseline water monitoring and to identify the source of high bacteria levels at sites 1, 2, and 3. President Rooney received a letter today saying **the grant has been approved.**
4. Jennifer Donnelly reported on **plans for a fly-fishing fundraiser.** She and Bill Chambers are heading up this campaign. They are looking at possibly two dates in April for two women-only events. Price point might be \$150-\$200. Some 90 women and 6 volunteers have expressed interest.

The board reviewed **the first draft of 2021 goals.**

Motion: A motion was made by Travis Fite and seconded to **approve the goals as presented with a few modifications** such as revision of the GIS goals by David Martinez.

Passed

Goal 7: Water Quantity: President Rooney spoke with Robin Culie, head of Peggs Water Company (PWC). **PWC continues to work with four other entities on securing a secondary water source from Lake Tenkiller** that will decrease the amount of water they take from Spring Creek. Progress was slowed this year due to COVID. The water consortium is waiting for final approval of drawings from DEQ before putting bids out for construction.

Other:

1. Karen Harris reported on **two poultry bills being sponsored by Meloyde Blancett**. Del Kerbs of the Agriculture Committee told Meloyde that if she continues with the bills, they would not be heard in committee this year and could not be brought back. Or she could withdraw the bills and try again later, which she has decided to do. To make any headway, we need to find people to run against the anti-poultry people - Dave Hardin whose wife writes the nutrient management plans and Josh West from Grove who works for Simmons.
2. Karen Harris reported that **the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Blue Thumb is creating a new application to put their water monitoring data directly into a GIS system** that will be available to the public.

Motion: A motion was made by George Kamp and seconded to enter into **executive session** at 6:14pm.

Passed – We delayed entering the session until 6:52pm in hopes that Bill Chambers would be able to join the meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by George Kamp and seconded **to leave executive session** at 7:11pm.

Passed

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:12pm.

Minutes submitted by Beth Rooney