

## **Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting June 10, 2021 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by SCC president Beth Rooney at 6:00 pm on June 10, 2021.

Members present: Jessica Spencer, Karen Harris, George Kamp, Bill Chambers, Beth Rooney, Jennifer Owen, Angela Brazeal, and David Martinez. Guest Matt Alison was also present.

Absent: Travis Fite, Jennifer Donnelly, Jim McCoy (sabbatical)

1. A discussion was held with Jennifer Owen regarding her 5/31/2021 email in which she gives her “explanation, clarification and intent” of a memo she discussed with Jason Aamodt and Matt Alison of I&E Law Group on 5/21/2021.

That memo presented a problem Ms. Owen feels exists concerning a lack of “protocol or guidance for political and legal exploits” in our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. It also states, among other things, that although the board acts with good intent, it puts landowners at risk by “abandoning the rule of law.”

Ms. Owen has also hired the Logan & Lowry Law Firm to review SCC’s financial and operational records. She intends to take their findings and her memo to entities listed on her memo which include the “IRS, the OK Attorney General, and OK Secretary of Environment.”

Several board members expressed their belief that her actions detract from our efforts to protect Spring Creek and could tear the coalition apart. They asked why she did not bring her concerns to the board before taking them to outside entities.

Ms. Owen maintained she feels she is working on a constructive solution to a “disaster tied to a lack of rule” for the Coalition. “There is a void in policy and provision, ethic and guidance.” She held to her position saying “I am going to do what I need to do.”

2. Board’s response/further action: the board took no further action on this issue at this time.
3. Attorney Matt Alison, IEA Law, was asked for his opinion. Matt said that Spring Creek Coalition is restricted by its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Beyond that, all lawful actions are permitted. It is up to the board as to what they want to be, what direction they chose to take.

- Motion: George Kamp made a motion, seconded by Bill Chambers, to accept May's meeting minutes. Passed.

**Committee Reports/Old Business**

- The Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing (**From Arvest Statement**)

<b>05/01/2021</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$23,445.46</b>
	5 Credit(s) This Period	\$907.86
	6 Debit(s) This Period	\$1,549.54
<b>05/31/2021</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$22,803.78</b>

- Suggestion to pay Lithochimeia Bill (\$4,000) –Bill Chambers reported that our attorney Jason Aamodt advised that we pay Lithochimeia's last invoice if we get an agreement from them that they will provide us with our GIS data and not share it with anyone else. Jason also said that it is now time to file a complaint with the bar against our former attorney.
- Fundraising Report (\$28,000 as of June 1). The following fundraising ideas were suggested:
  - By Angela: a group garage sale at her house with sales benefiting SCC. Board members did not feel they had much to contribute to such a sale at this time.
  - Hold our delayed annual meeting with food, a silent auction, and raffle; Bill and Jessica agreed to be part of a committee to plan this event with Angela as lead.
  - Hold another Flyfishing clinic this fall.
- Water Monitoring Update (efforts to find source of E. coli) – Bill Chambers reported that our first DNA tracking kit from Jonah Ventures identified E. coli as coming primarily from cattle and pig. Chicken was a distant third. Also, we will complete our one-year of baseline testing this month, something to celebrate.
- Old Business**
- Potential feature-length documentary on Poultry Issue – The young women who were finalists for this competition have decided to withdraw due to work commitments. We were their non-profit sponsors.
- Creating home-made anti-litter signs with Kim Sisk, Saturday, June 5 – Jessica reported several SCC members got together with Kim Sisk to make a dozen signs. Sandy Whitekiller and Kim Sisk put up six at King's Curve and the Spencers and Rooneys put up six at Littlefield's slab.
- New Business**

13. Next meeting, July or August? The board decided to go ahead and hold a July board meeting. President Rooney will be on vacation but should be able to host the meeting via Zoom.
14. Jessica will contact Ms. Robbins about SCC sponsoring an Ecological Field Day at the creek in September for Peggs School.

Minutes prepared by President Beth Rooney. Note: Secretary Brazeal was unable to prepare the minutes as her tablet that contained meeting notes was stolen.